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Dick wows tourists

BY N. BORDADORA

WOW, man.

Tourism Secretary Richard Gordon is poised to launch a "Wow, Philippines" campaign to counter foreign embassies' recent advisories to their

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Thank you, Father Popong

In life and death, Irish priest brings together Christians, Muslims

FIVE brothers of Fr. Rufus Halley came all the way from Waterford, Ireland "to honor our beloved Rufus," they said at his funeral in Cagayan de Oro City on Saturday. The Halley brothers—from left, Emmet, Eamon, John, Gerry and Walter—said the entire family had wished to come but "we could not afford it." AP

BY GRACE CANTAL-ALBASIN, BUTCH D. ENERIO AND HERNAN DELA CRUZ
PDI Mindanao Bureau

CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY—"It's unthinkable for Muslims to enter a Catholic church, but I think they forgot this just to see the priest they loved," Bishop Edwin dela Peña said yesterday at a funeral Mass for Fr. Rufus Halley, the murdered Irish missionary whom locals fondly called "Popong."

Several Muslim women sat alongside Halley's five brothers—who had traveled from Ireland to bury their brother—sharing grief over the senseless murder of the 57-year-old Columban priest, who was killed Tuesday in a botched kidnapping attempt by suspected Moro rebels outside Malabang town in Lanao del Sur.

In death, Fr. Popong accomplished what he had worked so hard to achieve in life: to bring Christians and Muslims together.

Yesterday, putting aside their differences, more than 3,000 people, including many Maranaws in traditional white mourning attire, squeezed inside the 2,000-capacity Immaculate Conception Church in this city, to thank the missionary and show him that he had not loved them in vain.

Later, as Halley's coffin was lowered into the ground, one of his brothers, Walter, placed a blue corsage, which was handmade by their mother, on top of the lid.

Walter and his four brothers carried Rufus' casket to his grave with Fr. Colin McKeating, the head of the Columban missionaries in the Philippines.

Dozens of men and women, most in tears, placed flowers on the coffin before it was lowered at the Divine Shepherd Memorial Park around noon.

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For a change, 3 cops hailed as heroes

BY TJ BURGONIO

WHILE their superiors and even the country's former top cop are busy fending off sensational allegations of involvement in organized crime, three lower-ranking policemen have landed in the news for a completely different reason: They have been hailed as heroes for community service.

On Wednesday, Supt. Leopoldo Marquez, SPO3 Lorenzo Larot Sr. and Insp. Rosalinda Abellon bested 13 other regional nominees and received the Best Cop (Community-Oriented Policemen) Award from the Rotary Club of New Manila East.

The province-based policemen, who head their respective police community relations (PCR) units, were cited not for solving heinous crimes or arresting hardened criminals but for improving the lot of the people they serve.

"The officers of the police community relations are the unsung heroes of crime prevention. What better way is there than to give recognition to these unsung heroes for bringing the police force closer to the community," club president Johnny Villanueva said at the awarding ceremonies in Camp Aguinaldo.

The awardees did notable work either in community organizing or in issue advocacy. Marquez organized a federation of barangay tanods in Batangas; Larot formed a multipurpose cooperative for farmers, youth and women in Misamis Oriental; and Abellon vigorously advocated women and children's rights in Negros Oriental.

Just hours before the awards were handed out, the Senate conducted its third hearing into the alleged involvement of former Philippine National Police chief and now Sen. Panfilo Lacson in drug trafficking, kidnapping, money laundering and other crimes. In that hearing, former narcotics agent Mary Ong, alias Rosebud, made disturbing claims that, with the connivance of some police generals, the PNP headquarters in Camp

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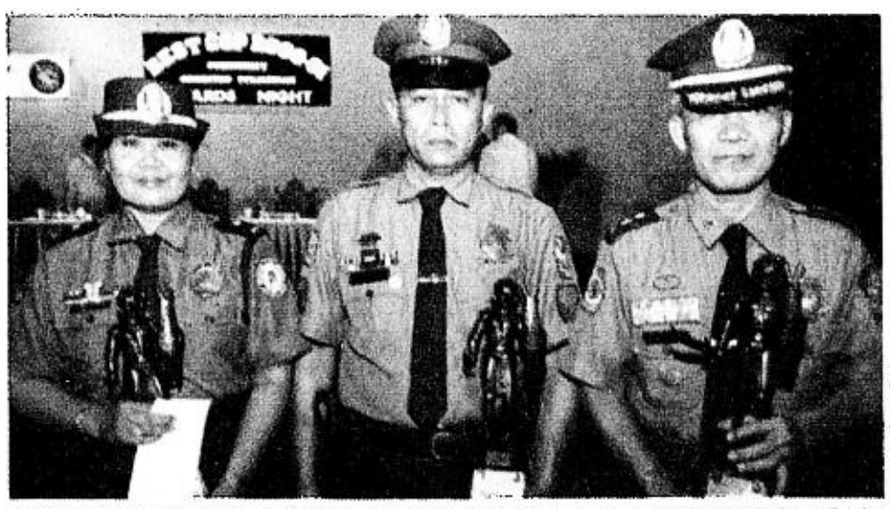

VAL HANDUMON

SERVICE to their communities win awards for from left, Insp. Rosalinda Abellon, SPO3 Lorenzo Larot Sr. and Supt. Leopoldo Marquez from the Rotary Club of New Manila East.

Maggie, Dajed get help from strangers

DENNIS SABANGAN

THANKS to the Internet, 2-year-old Darelle Jed Montojo with a rare heart ailment will fly to the US for an operation all expenses paid by the New York-based Gift of Life Program.

BY VOLT CONTRERAS AND BLANCHE S. RIVERA

IN this cold world, one can still depend on the kindness of strangers.

Ask Magdalena "Maggie" Tano, who, despite having been born without hands and feet, was recently awarded a two-year scholarship in a computer school. And ask Jennifer and Marvin Montojo, who found salvation for their ailing daughter through the Internet.

"I've always known the Lord had plans for us, especially for my daughter," Marvin said. "We have always trusted in Him, and this is where He has led us—to the kindness and grace of others, no matter what race or status."

Maggie, 28, has served as a spiritual and emotional crutch to disabled, abused and abandoned children in the slums of Quezon City.

After her story came out in the INQUIRER two weeks ago, she received calls from people offering to work with her group, and new wards showed up seeking her sisterly comfort.

Best of all, an academic foundation, moved by her story of courage and compassion, granted her a scholarship. (She can type despite her lack of fingers, remember?)

"It's actually easy to pick scholars among the disabled, but hers is a different story because she has overcome her own limitations to help others," said Chito Salazar, president-CEO of Systems Technology Institute, which formally awarded Maggie the study grant on Thursday.

Born to an impoverished, dysfunctional household no different from those of her wards today, Maggie is the 16th collegiate scholar of the STI Foundation for Leadership in Information Technology and Education, or STI-Flite.

It is actually Maggie's second time to become a scholar. A parish priest funded her high school education back in her native Negros Oriental, where her childhood was

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Filipino surgeon becomes media celebrity in US

BY CHRISTINE HERRERA

FILIPINO surgeon Rolando Corral "was at the right place and at the right time to save the life of a Wall Street investment banker after a violent shark attack on a beach in the Bahamas."

Since then, Corral has become an American media celebrity of sorts and a sought-after witness in a subsequent negligence suit against the resort where the accident took place, according to Corral's girlfriend, Nadine Tengco, 34.

Corral, a surgeon at the Rand Memorial Hospital, and Tengco were taking their daily morning stroll at Our Lucaya Beach and Golf Resort in Freeport in the Bahamas around 10 a.m. on Aug. 4, when they saw a commotion.

The doctor immediately rushed to the scene, and found Krishna Thompson bleeding to death. The 36-year-old banker had lost his left leg to a shark.

"I saw the wound. It was mangled and torn and the only thing left was the bone attached to the leg," Tengco said. The leg was later amputated above the knee.

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Palace nixes call for PNP revamp

BY JULIET L. JAVELLANA
AND JHUNNEX NAPALLACAN
PDI Visayas Bureau

MALACAÑANG yesterday rejected the call made in an unsigned manifesto for a total revamp of the Philippine National Police hierarchy, in the light of damaging allegations made by Mary "Rosebud" Ong before the Senate last week.

The manifesto purportedly from the "Officers of the PNP Corps" had urged President Macapagal-Arroyo to demand the resignation of the PNP leadership after Ong described Camp Crame as the center of drug trafficking in the country in 1998-2000 when it was under then director general Panfilo Lacson.

"No, definitely not. Asking for the resignation of all police generals is too drastic a move," said Rigoberto Tiglao, presidential spokesperson.

Tiglao said Ms Macapagal had "full trust and confidence" in the PNP leadership under Director General Leandro Mendoza.

Scalawags

"The President, however, believes there are scalawags in the police organization who should be purged, especially in the wake of the allegations made by Ong," Tiglao said.

Ong is a former undercover agent of the defunct Presidential Anti-Organized Crime Task Force, which Lacson had headed concurrently with the PNP. She has charged Lacson and other ranking officials with involvement in drug trafficking, kidnap for ransom, smuggling and murder.

Lacson, who is now a senator, has denied the charges.

"(The President) is not saying the PNP should not undergo a cleansing, but there is a process for this," Tiglao said.

He said Ms Macapagal is giving Mendoza a free hand to investigate Ong's disclosures.

"The PNP should take this manifesto as a wake-up call to really cleanse its ranks and raise its moral standard," Tiglao said. He noted, however, that the manifesto was unsigned.

He challenged the members of the "corps" to come out in the open and discuss their grievances.

"If they feel they have legitimate grievances, they should come out and engage in a dialogue with officials," Tiglao said.

He said the President would be willing to hold a dialogue with the group.

PNP spokesperson Supt. Crescencio Maralit described the manifesto as "a white paper."

He urged policemen not to believe this kind of "negative propaganda."

"It's a white paper. It's (an) unsigned sheet of paper. Our policemen should not take (the manifesto) seriously," he said over radio station dyLA.

Non-existent

He said the group behind the manifesto probably did not exist because the paper was unsigned. The paper was circulated in Camp Crame, national police headquarters.

Chief Supt. Avelino Razon, police director for Central Visayas, agreed with Maralit, saying his men should not be bothered by the manifesto.

He said policemen in the region should focus on their crime-fighting job and not let themselves be affected by the controversies hounding the PNP.

Supt. Edgar Pacubas, deputy director of the Cebu Provincial Police Office, warned his men not to believe the manifesto because they did not know where it came from.

"I am sure our policemen are responsible enough to seek out the truth before making any conclusions," he said.

The militant Bagong Alyansang Makabayan (Bayan), meanwhile, supported the call for a "radical" revamp of the PNP leadership in the light of the allegations coming out of the Senate hearings.

"The barrage of allegations about official corruption besetting the top brass has taken away the tiny iota of the people's trust in the police. Malacañang cannot be perceived as tolerating this woeful state of affairs and we would appreciate credible action soon," said Bayan secretary general Teddy Casiño in a press statement.

"Moreover, those guilty generals will not hesitate to use their positions to thwart any investigation into the allegations against them," Casiño said, adding Bayan was studying its options in mounting its own legal action.

Like Ninoy, Erap need not attend trial–Saguisag

LAWYERS of deposed President Joseph Estrada have come up with a rather surprising tactic to prevent another humiliating court appearance of their client tomorrow.

They are now quoting a legal doctrine that worked in favor of the late Sen. Benigno Aquino Jr. during his trial before a military tribunal in the '70s.

Defense counsel Rene Saguisag yesterday filed a manifestation invoking the right of Estrada and co-accused son Jinggoy not to attend the start of the pretrial of their plunder case at the Sandiganbayan tomorrow.

The manifestation on waiver of appearance and identification cited a Supreme Court ruling upholding Aquino's refusal to appear personally before the military court during the Marcos dictatorship.

Aquino was then the most prominent opposition leader jailed and persecuted by President Ferdinand Marcos at the height of martial law.

Saguisag said the SC then ruled that an accused can waive his right to be present in court proceedings except when he has to be "identified" by the accusers or witnesses.

Monday's pre-trial "requires no identification and any accused has the right to remain silent," Saguisag said, referring to the Estrada case.

The lawyer quoted lengthily from the 1975 SC ruling on Aquino vs Military Commission No. 2, which compelled the commission to modify its earlier order requiring Aquino to always be present at the trial.

It's DECS no more

BY BLANCHE RIVERA

THE DEPARTMENT of Education, Culture and Sports is the DECS no more.

Congress had passed a bill by Sen. Teresa Aquino-Oreta removing the supervision of culture and sports from the DECS to allow the agency to focus on basic education starting this month.

The law, RA 9155, was enacted late August after being signed in June by former senate president Aquilino Pimentel and former Speaker Feliciano Belmonte.

Education Secretary Raul Roco said yesterday the department would now be known as the Department of Education, or DepEd.

He stressed, however, that culture and sports would still be incorporated in subjects in public schools to enhance basic education.

"There's really not much change, except maybe for the management of the annual games held for schools," Roco said, adding only the new name proved a distinctive alteration in the general scheme of government.

The management of the National Historical Institute, Komisyon ng Wikang Pilipino, Records Management and Archives Office, and the National Library would be transferred to the National Commission on Culture and the Arts.

The Bureau of Physical Education, and School Sports would be transferred to the Philippine Sports Commission, but all personnel would be retained by the education department.

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Pimentel warns 'false' witnesses of sanctions

SENATE Minority Leader Aquilino Pimentel Jr. wants the Senate to use its powers to impose sanctions on former undercover agent Mary "Rosebud" Ong or Angelo "Ador" Mawanay if it is found that they have testified falsely on the alleged criminal activities of Sen. Panfilo Lacson.

In a press statement, Pimentel said that Ong, Mawanay and other witnesses should not be allowed to "mislead, deceive or confuse the senators in their investigation."

Pimentel's statement immediately drew a strong reaction from Leonard de Vera, one of Mawanay's lawyers, who warned that the move has its own "intimidating effect, whether intended or not."

De Vera said the Senate would be abusing its powers if it carries out punitive actions against witnesses, because "they would be acting as accuser and judge at the same time."

As this developed, militant groups yesterday called on the Senate to uphold Ong's testimony and castigated Sen. Blas Ople for urging his colleagues to end the hearings.

In a statement, the fisherfolk group Pamalakaya urged the Senate to shoot down any resolution filed by Ople seeking the termination of the Senate inquiry into Lacson's alleged criminal past.

Bayan Muna Rep. Crispin Beltran said that with Ong's detailed testimony the Senate investigating panel should already be able to recommend that charges be filed against Lacson.

Beltran said that Ong's testimony was more than just a story of a spurned lover and called police Supt. John Campos and Chief Supt. Reynaldo Acop "misogynist, chauvinist and uncouth" for claiming so.

Pimentel said some senators have expressed "serious doubts" about the testimonies of witnesses presented by intelligence chief Victor Corpus.

In a dzXL radio program, Pimentel singled out Ong who is seen by administration senators as having given the most credible testimony so far.

"If there is no truth to what Mary Ong is saying... she should be punished by the Senate," he said.

He also revealed that about four people have approached him, offering to testify against Mawanay.

From Naga City, a lawyer of witness Danny Devnani said his client had received several death threats since Friday.

Lawyer Reyno de Vera said several unidentified callers had called Devnani threatening to harm him and his family. *Reports by Armand N. Nocum, Andrea Trinidad-Echavez and Juan Escandor Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

Nothing's changed for Bishop Soc

BY NORMAN BORDADORA

THE COUNTRY'S youngest bishop, garbed in the gold and white of the episcopate, yesterday returned in thanksgiving to the community that he ministered to for most of the 15 years that he has spent in the priesthood.

Despite the majesty of his miter, emblazoned with the word *"pax"* (Latin for peace), and crozier, passed on to him by his mentor Jaime Cardinal Sin, Bishop Socrates Villegas remained the easy-going "Father Soc" to the parishioners of the Edsa Shrine. "Nothing has changed," Villegas told the congregation.

"I am still Father Soc to you . . . I ask you not to get distracted by what the eyes can see because it is with the heart that we can truly see," said Manila's new auxiliary bishop and the Cardinal's private secretary and spokesperson.

Villegas was the same self-effacing Father Soc that the parishioners have known since he was first made rector in 1987 of the shrine that commemorates the first People Power Revolution.

"It is good to be back at the Edsa Shrine. It is here that we met each other and it is here that we met God. It is here that I served you and it is here that you served me also," Villegas told his parishioners.

The new bishop has dedicated himself to the promotion of peace—peace with justice, repentance and morality.

Villegas was born on Sept. 28, 1960 to Emiliano Villegas and Norma Buenaventura in Pateros.

The boy who was fond of playing priest and play-acting the Holy Mass spent his entire grade school and high school years at the Colegio de San Juan de Letran.

He studied for the priesthood at the San Carlos Seminary.

3-day weekends eyed

THE OBSERVANCE of public holidays that fall on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday would soon be moved to Friday to allow the family to enjoy a three-day weekend, Tourism Secretary Richard Gordon said yesterday.

Gordon said the non-working holidays that fall on a Monday would be observed on that day since the family would still have three days to enjoy their weekend.

"The President would sign this order very soon. She would sign it together with the order mandating a four-day workweek with extended working hours during the schools' summer break," Gordon said in a telephone interview.

Gordon said the President liked the idea of moving the observance of special non-working holidays from the middle of the week to Fridays.

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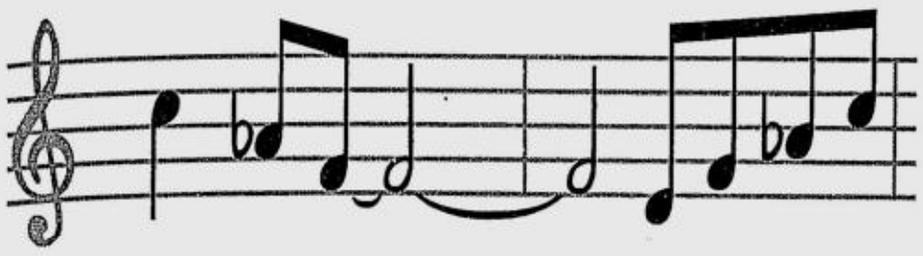
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For a change, 3 cops hailed as heroes

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Crame was the center of the illegal drug trade in 1998.

Interior Secretary Joey Lina, the guest of honor at the awards ceremony, alluded to the lucky timing.

"This is very timely because our PNP is facing a lot of challenges," Lina said. "It will go a long way in helping improve the image of the policemen."

"Image-building is not the solution. It's real performance that will in turn improve the performance of the police. Without genuine performance, no amount of publicity meant to shore up the image of the police will produce substantial results," he added.

Barangay tanods

Superintendent Marquez, 52, is the current PCR chief of the Batangas police provincial office in Batangas City, a post he has held since 1998.

He organized the Batangas Provincial Federation of Barangay Tanods in August 1999 to seek recognition for the hardworking yet underpaid auxiliary policemen despite opposition from some barangay captains and provincial board members

"Every day, rain or shine, they direct traffic or help people cross the street, and yet they are only given a measly P200 honorarium a month," said Marquez, who eventually managed to convince oppositors to change their mind.

It didn't take long before the province-wide federation of barangay tanods, the first of its kind in the country, gained official recognition and respect from the local governments.

"They are a big help to the police community. If someone creates trouble in a village, it's the tanods who respond and settle the disputes at their level. Naturally, the police station doesn't get clogged up with cases," Marquez said.

Besides, he added, the tanods have been able to help increase police visibility in the streets. "Imagine, only one policeman is needed for night patrols. The rest are barangay policemen," he said.

Now, the 20,000 members of the federation located in 31 municipalities and three cities, even enjoy group insurance through Philhealth, courtesy of the provincial government.

Apart from conducting routine patrols at night, the tanods have formed their own rescue team for deployment during natural or man-made calamities.

Multi-purpose coop

SPO3 Larot, 42, is the current team leader of the special operations team of the 1002 Police Mobile Group in San Martin, Villanueva, Misamis Oriental.

In 1997, as PCR chief of the police station in Opol town, he paid a visit to Sitio Salawaga in Barangay Tingalan, some 42 kilometers from the national highway, and there saw for himself the dire economic conditions of the villagers.

Larot first formed a civilian volunteers organization in the village to go after petty thieves and solve petty crimes. Then, building on this success, he established a multi-purpose cooperative for farmers, women and the youth.

"Once you establish peace and order, you have to help the people in the developmental aspects of their lives," the soft-spoken policeman said.

Convinced about Larot's efforts to improve the lives of the villagers, foreign governments such as those of New Zealand and Britain, as well as the Department of Agriculture, started pouring in funds for the cooperative's several projects in 1999.

Among these projects were the construction of the Kasamasa cooperative building; the garment and bag-making project; the potable water works system; acquisition of farm machinery and equipment; a multi-purpose solar drying pavement project; and the acquisition of five shallow tube wells.

"The coop members made a lot of gains there. Through the coop, they were able to do business and market their goods," said Marquez, a member of the cooperative's board of directors.

Women's rights

Inspector Abellon, 45, is PCR chief and desk officer of the Provincial Women and Children Concerns (PWCC) Desk of the Negros Oriental Police Provincial Office.

While holding both posts, she distinguished herself in her fight against illegal drugs and gambling. She led rallies against drugs and promoted the "Alay-Lakad" to raise public awareness about the ill effects of drugs.

But Abellon is proudest of her role in helping set up and run the Women's Assistance Center, which she described as "a home-away-from-home center" for battered wives and their children.

"More women prefer to come here because they feel safer here," she said of the center, which is found inside the police camp.

Abellon is now working on the construction of a larger building for the center. She has convinced the government to provide the land and the party-list group Abanse Pinay to shell out P1 million for the project.

At her request, the United Nations Children's Fund is releasing P200,000 for the training of police on how to treat sexually abused women and the training of youth leaders on how to avoid drugs and how to detect child abuse.

Abellon is also working closely with the International Labor Organization for the elimination of child labor in Negros Oriental.

Other finalists

The other Best Cop finalists were Chief Insp. Edgardo Blanco of the Davao del Norte police provincial office; PO3 Jaime Patiam of the Iriga City police station; PO2 Martin Teves of the Bais City police station in Negros Oriental; SPO1 Lerma Bataller of the Albay police provincial office; and SPO4 Corazon Vergara of the Tagum City police station.

Apart from the trophies, the winners received P50,000 cash each and the finalists, P10,000 cash each.

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Filipino surgeon becomes media celebrity in US

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"Very calmly, but obviously in control, just like when he is in the emergency room, Roland barked orders to the lifeguards on what to do to save the man's life," Tengco, who arrived here from the Bahamas last week, told the INQUIRER in an interview.

Corral, who brings his surgical scissors wherever he goes, according to Tengco, gave Thompson first aid and kept him conscious until he was brought to the Rand Memorial Hospital. The victim was later airlifted to a hospital in Miami, she said.

"Without Roland, Krishna would have died because he had lost a third of his blood," said Tengco, who decided to share the story with the INQUIRER after American reporters failed to acknowledge, despite her attempt to correct them, that Corral was a Filipino and not a Bahamian or American surgeon.

Now, both the victim's family and the resort owner, the two opposing sides in the lawsuit, want him to stand as a witness in their favor.

Tengco said Corral's testimony is considered crucial in establishing the truth of conflicting claims as to whether the lifeguards rescued Thompson.

Corral will have to deal with the questioning from celebrity lawyer Johnnie Cochran, who won fame for his successful defense of O.J. Simpson in the former football star's murder trial.

Cochran is the lawyer for the Thompson family, which has accused the resort's lifeguards of standing by and doing nothing during the shark attack.

Two sides

Krishna's wife, Ave Maria Thompson, an assistant district attorney in Queens, New York, said in a news conference in Miami that the first thing her husband told her when he regained consciousness was that "he was screaming and they (lifeguards) wouldn't come. He had to swim to them," Tengco said.

"Ms Thompson recalled her husband telling her the lifeguards on the beach stood and watched as he struggled to shore," Tengco said.

But the resort management, she said, insisted that the lifeguards "immediately entered the water upon seeing the shark's fin, and pulled Krishna to shore."

Corral, according to his girlfriend, stands by the account of the lifeguards. "The lifeguards at the resort saved the guest's (Krishna's) life. They gave him a portable oxygen mask and elevated his leg to stop the bleeding," Tengco quoted Corral as telling investigators.

Tengco added that she thought the lifeguards did a good job when they used their belts to make a tourniquet for Krishna's leg to stop the bleeding.

Network battle

According to Tengco, her boyfriend has also become the focus of a TV network coverage battle in the United States.

The National Broadcasting Co. (NBC) hired a Lear jet for $10,000 and gave the couple first-class accommodations in a bid to get an exclusive interview with Corral, she said.

"We were already aboard a commercial flight and NBC had to ask that

LIFE SAVER, Dr. Roland Corral was at the right time and the right place.

we be made to deplane because they learned that several television and print reporters learned that we were arriving in New York and they were waiting at the airport," Tengco said.

To keep them away from other networks, Corral and Tengco were brought to Ft. Lauderdale in Florida, she said.

Several print and broadcast companies offered Corral "exclusivity fees" but he refused them, Tengco said.

"Roland learned that he would eventually stand as a witness, so he did not want his statement and credibility to be tainted," Tengco said.

Family of doctors

Corral, the eldest among his siblings, has worked at the Rand Memorial Hospital for the past five years. He studied pre-med at the University of the Philippines College of Manila and finished Medicine at UERM.

He comes from a family of doctors. His father, Ismael, is a retired surgeon at the Manila Sanitarium Hospital. His mother, Erlinda Mathay-Corral, was a concert pianist who got her master's degree in Music in Vienna.

Corral's sister, Sharleen Corral-Lim is a pediatrician. Sharleen is married to lawyer Dan Lim. Another sister, Melissa, is an obstetrician-gynecologist married to a surgeon, Wegan Dalugdog.

Another sister, Cecilia is a nurse and is married to surgeon Guy Maclang. Both practice in the US.

Sharleen describes her brother as the "reserved type, who wants nothing but to heal people."

She said her brother left the country to work abroad because he did not want to charge his Filipino patients for operations.

Their mother said the first surgery Roland performed was an appendectomy. He charged his patient P500.

Their father, Ismael, beaming with pride, said his son did not want to have to worry about whether his patients could afford to pay for their operations. That's when Roland decided to leave for abroad, the father said.

"Now, he (doesn't have to worry about) whether or not the patient can afford the operation, because hospitalization in Bahamas is socialized," according to Tengco.

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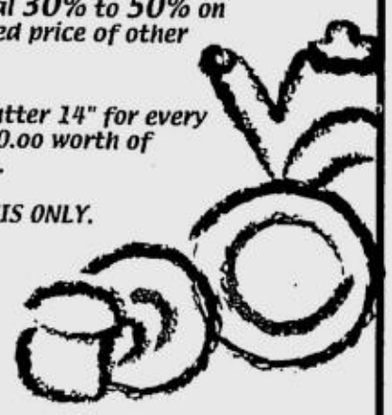

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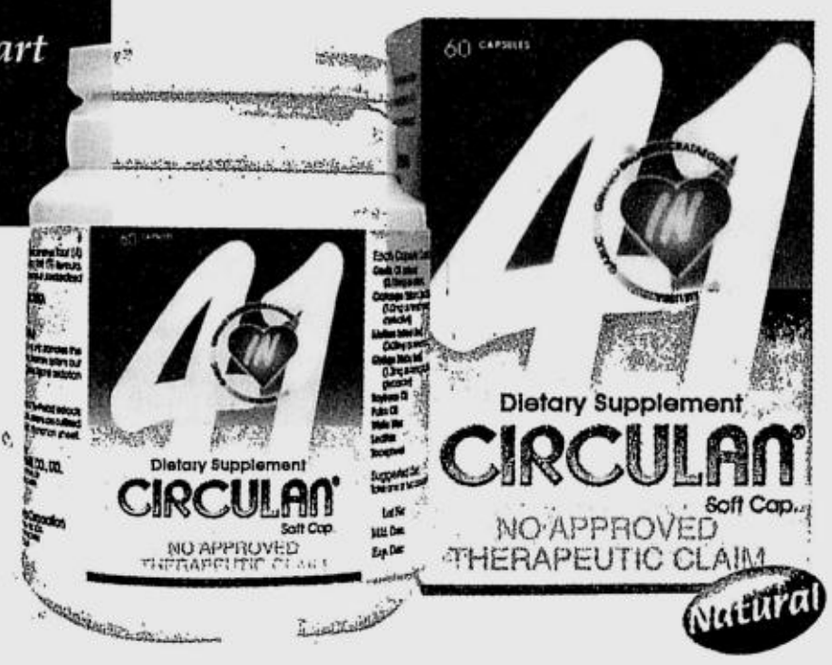

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Halley's death

THE BRUTAL killing of Columban missionary Fr. Rufus Halley in Lanao del Sur is another strong reminder that peace in Muslim Mindanao is at best tenuous and provisional. Coming on the heels of the peace accord with the Moro Islamic Liberation Front, the slaying of a man of God by kidnappers, some of whom have links with the MILF, has put in stark colors the tortuous road toward authentic peace that must be achieved beyond the rituals and avowals of peace-forging, which have somehow sugar-coated what is really happening in Mindanao.

EDITORIALS

Not far from Lanao, in Sultan Kudarat, several Chinese engineers had been kidnapped by another gang, allegedly also with links with the MILF. Two of them were ruthlessly killed by their captors when they tried to escape in the confusion that ensued when the military pressed on and attacked to free the hostages. The deaths by these brave men constructing a Japan-funded irrigation project underscore the stumbling blocks to development, the attainment of which is supposed to bring progress, modernization and a more stable peace and order in troubled Mindanao.

If the Chinese engineers represented the development approach to solve the problem of Mindanao, Father Halley symbolized the socio-cultural initiative. Laboring in the Mindanao vineyard for 20 years, he was less of a proselytizer and more of a pastoral worker, ministering to peasant families and their everyday needs, even hastening their access to farm implements, credit and other agricultural imperatives.

Christian missionaries are always suspects in Muslim areas, of course. They live under a cloud of doubt, if not under the gun. It is to their credit that despite the obvious risks, these missionaries plod on, without losing their ecumenical spirit. In fact, before the kidnappers pounced on him, Father Halley had just attended an interreligious dialogue.

It is also to the credit of Muslim *imams* that they quickly condemned the killing. Their gesture should underscore to the populace, Christian and Muslim, that violence is anathema to the spirit of the best religions. The commiseration of Muslim leaders with the Catholics, who have just lost a good shepherd, shows the solidarity of religions, the essential unity that animates all faiths.

Silliman spirit

SILLIMAN University of Dumaguete City, which just celebrated its 100th foundation anniversary, represents the Protestant spirit in Philippine education. It is a spirit that is pioneering and practical, best personified by Dr. Horace Silliman, whose endowment started the school, and who was described in an encomium after his death as "a man whose every thought and deed was productive of good."

One "good" that Silliman University produced was pitching tent in the Visayas and laying the foundation there of higher education. In the process of doing so, it brought to the country's—and the world's—attention the pristine beauty of Dumaguete in Negros Oriental. Arguably, the best memories of Silliman of both alumni and non-alumni are those connected with the natural beauty of Dumaguete. Silliman and Dumaguete in fact represent the ideal of education—of nurture and nature in the harmony of creation.

Founded in 1901, barely months after the Americans started their colonial enterprise, Silliman stood for the private branch of the American cultural invasion. The invasion consisted broadly of an expanded public education system, particularly in the primary, intermediate and secondary levels. By the time Silliman became a college in 1910, the country was already awash with the products of the public high school system. They were welcomed with open arms by Silliman, who reared them in Protestant-animated liberal education.

The Americans of course also set up state higher education institutions to absorb the graduates of public high schools. The University of the Philippines was founded in 1908 and even earlier, there was the Philippine Normal College, a teacher's institute. The competition posed by Silliman and the state institutions goaded the more seasoned Catholic institutions like Santo Tomas and Ateneo to introduce innovations, such as the adoption of English as medium of instruction and the opening of their doors to females. These reforms vastly improved the climate of education in the islands.

To be sure, Silliman is now as seasoned as its Catholic counterparts. But it stays true to the spirit of its founders: an effective witness to the civilizing and liberating dimension of the Gospel, a stalwart of ecumenism and interreligious collaboration and a conservator of the best that is in the Filipino and in all men of goodwill.

Different standards

SEPARATE OPINION

Isagani A. Cruz

LIKE many people who have been following the Senate investigations, I felt that Col. Victor Corpus and his co-accusers of Sen. Panfilo Lacson had fired their volleys half-cocked in a most unmilitary fashion. It was not very reassuring when they were asked to produce evidence to support their charges and their invariable answer before was that they would do it later. It seemed that they were doing everything backwards.

But things have changed dramatically with the appearance of Danny Devnani, who claims he has explosive information against the inner circle of Lacson and Joseph Estrada, and especially Mary Ong, erstwhile special agent of the PNP narcotics group, who testified last Tuesday.

These witnesses may change the attitude of some senators who demand what they call "hard evidence" from the Isafp. They have dismissed as unreliable the FBI confirmation of the existence in the United States of several multi-million dollar deposits in the name of Lacson and his wife. As TAPATT president Antonio C. Abaya wryly observes, "They ask for 'hard evidence,' but they would not recognize it even if it came knocking on their doors in broad daylight."

This mind-set was obvious in their incredulous and even mocking reaction to Ador Mawanay's testimony the other Friday, which was in striking contrast with their interrogation of Kim Wong last week. That one was superficial, to say the least, with the senators appearing to accept at face value everything this witness said although there were many kinks in his testimony. Everyone observed that they were handling Wong with kid gloves unlike their earlier treatment of Mawanay and even Corpus.

The witness tried to project the posture of a small businessman but said he owed the Allied Bank $40 million. No senator thought of asking him how he could have negotiated such a big loan on his allegedly meager income. His monumental ignorance of his business was incredible; he could not even tell how much, more or less, it was losing. He said it was his wife who knew about the payment of the monthly charges on the cell phone he had "lent" Lacson and could not give even an estimate of their amount. When he claimed it was also his wife who made the campaign contributions to several electoral candidates, no senator asked if this was done with his knowledge and consent.

It would be useful to find out if a report of such contributions has been filed with the Commission on Elections as required by law, and by whom. The amount of such contributions would also shed light on the quality of Wong's testimony. Another matter worth examining is the supposed barter between Wong and Police Chief Supt. Avelino Razon, Jr. of their shares of stock in the Mimosa Golf and Country Club and the Riviera Golf Club, respectively. Not any small businessman, especially a failed one like Wong, can afford such an expensive transaction.

Wong's protestations of being unjustly accused as a drug lord must have tugged at the hearts of the senators. His earnest disclaimer of any knowledge of shabu, which is a familiar tem even to schoolchildren, must have convinced them that this poor man is holier than the Pope. After all, the Pontiff knows about shabu and does not deny it. Even my 6-year-old granddaughter Cara knows what shabu is.

Vital information disclosed at the executive session of the senators last week caused Sen. Rodolfo Biazon to say that they "now have the key." The revelations yet to be made by Devnani may also give the case a more serious turn. There is no question that Ong's forthright testimony last Tuesday has seriously dented Wong's credibility and considerably strengthened the case against Lacson.

The unflappable Ong never wavered in her testimony and weathered her close interrogation unscathed. She was believable. She gave the impression that she knew whereof she was speaking and even produced documentary support of her declarations, like photocopies of airline tickets and checks. Her tearful request that she be excused from publicly naming some drug traffickers, for fear of reprisals on her children, had the touch of candor and fear.

Sen. Robert Barbers had earlier suspected that they were being "used" by the Isafp but may have changed his mind after listening to Ong. She may have dealt the *coup de grâce* to the moribund proposal of Senators Blas F. Ople and Tessie Oreta for halting the proceedings altogether.

Some senators may not understand the purpose of a legislative investigation. It is supposed to be conducted only "in aid of legislation," that is, to determine if it is necessary to enact laws aimed at correcting whatever problem is discovered at such inquiry. It is not a preliminary investigation, which is held to ascertain if a *prima facie* case exists against the respondent to justify his prosecution in a court of law.

The degree of evidence required in a legislative investigation is not the same as in a preliminary investigation. The legislators are not supposed to preempt or supplant the government prosecutor. The rules on criminal evidence will be strictly applied if Lacson is indicted after his preliminary investigation. But those same rules are not mandatory in the current Senate investigation because its object is to aid legislation and not to prosecute Lacson.

Barbers may be right in feeling they are being used, but it is not by Lacson's accusers. They are being used by the people themselves, who are anxious to get to the bottom of the charges against no less than a member of the Senate. The abrupt termination of the inquiry will leave everything hanging in the air, with suspicions of an official witch-hunt or a senatorial whitewash unresolved.

The case Corpus is developing against Lacson, albeit somewhat ploddingly, deserves a patient hearing. Stopping the investigation at this point will not sit well with the public, which has become more concerned over the disclosures unfolding by the day. In my view, the evidence that has so far been submitted against Lacson is substantial enough to justify the continuation of the inquiry and the discovery of the truth, whatever it may be. The people will not be satisfied with less than that.

Humbling moments

MOMENTS

Fr. Jerry M. Orbos, SVD

DO you remember a most embarrassing moment in your life? I am sure Budee still does to this very day. Budee, eldest son of my friends Sonny and Jean, accompanied me once to Abra. When we reached the SVD Mission House, Fr. Artemio Rillera, SVD whom we fondly called "Manong" was there to welcome us. He was in his T-shirt and he was sweeping the floor. After the warm greetings, I told Budee to bring my bags to the second floor. Thinking that "Manong" was the janitor or the gardener of the place, Budee called "Manong" to help him bring my bags. "Manong" humbly obliged. At supper, Budee was surprised "Manong" was also there, and he even led the prayers! Imagine the embarrassment of Budee later on when he found out that "Manong," the person whom he ordered to carry the bags, was the provincial superior of the Philippine SVD Northern Province! Budee said he wanted to melt that very moment. By the way, "Manong" is no longer the provincial superior of the SVD Northern Province. He is now the bishop of Abra! But still, he is humble, unassuming and gentle, and knowing "Manong," I would not be surprised if he would still be sweeping floors or carrying bags for others.

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The Gospel today (Lk. 14, 7-14) speaks about humility, with a warning that those who exalt themselves will be humbled. It is very consoling to know that our God is a God who is on the side of the humble and the lowly. The righteous and the humble will be exalted, while the wicked and the proud will be humbled. Earthly prestige and power is not forever. Goodness will triumph over evil. Divine justice will surely catch up in the end.

***Pagpapalain ang mga mabababa* (The lowly will be blessed). How did the Book of Proverbs say it? "Haughtiness goes before destruction; humility precedes honor." (Prov. 18, 12)**

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Are you a proud person? Do you think you are better than others intellectually, materially and even spiritually? Do you look down on other people? Do you need to compare yourself with others, or put down and step on others to climb up the ladder? If you have these symptoms, you are indeed a proud and, if I may add, an insecure person. The bottom question is, why do you need to climb? It's because you are not comfortable below, so you need to go up, you want to go up. Pride is the most convenient and the most available means to go up and stay up. The problem however is that the ladder sits on a fragile foundation called ego, which is often bloated, but empty. Whatever, pride, like worry, is like a rocking chair. It gives you something to do, but it brings you nowhere.

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It is the humble, not the proud and the loud that draw and inspire us. Last Sunday, while waiting for my car to be fixed in Banawe, a little boy kept pestering me to buy pranela cloth. Not wanting to disappoint him, I told him that I'll just give him P10, for him to keep. What he told me next really struck me (listen to this you who make a living on easy and dirty money). In a most humble way he said: "Sir, I am trying to make a living with honest work as my parents always told me." He said it with such dignity and sincerity. I ended up buying P100 worth of pranela which I did not really need, but which I thought would give encouragement to this little boy who still holds on to such beautiful values of humility, honesty and hard work. Yes, there is hope in our country.

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Sept. 8 is the birthday of Mama Mary, the lowly handmaid of the Lord who chose the path of hiddenness and humility. She could have grabbed the limelight during Her son's public life, for after all, she was the mother, but she did not. In fact, she is rarely mentioned in the gospels. Even now, she chooses to appear and bring her messages to the world through the little ones and the lowly. Knowing her humble and motherly heart, I really cannot understand how some people hate her and see her as a "threat" and a contender against her own Son. Having said that, I know that she continues to love and understand those people, especially the ones who hate her.

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I am saddened and angry at the cruel death of a brother priest Fr. Rufus Halley, an Irish Columban missionary whose only fault was that he was working for peace and justice in this country. Even now, Fr. Cirilo Nacorda is maligned and persecuted for telling the truth. A lot of prophets have been persecuted and killed in this country. Shame on us all. Shame especially on those who have been elected and are paid to serve and protect our people. How long O God, will the righteous and the lowly suffer while the wicked continue to roam around free and prosper? Through it all, we must not lose hope. Goodness will triumph. Divine justice will catch up. The Lord will exalt the righteous and the lowly.

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A Moment with the Lord:

Lord, help me to always choose the path of the lowly and the humble of heart, not the path of the proud and the loud. Amen.

The 'growth' in agriculture

CROSSCURRENTS

Antonio T. Carpio

IN A POST-MORTEM following the rice crisis in 1995, the Ramos administration realized that the culprit was the Bureau of Agricultural Statistics. The Ramos administration did not increase the buffer stock of rice because the bureau said we were producing enough rice. But the rice that was supposed to be growing in the fields was simply not there. Table surveys could not grow crops that were never planted by farmers. The Ramos administration paid dearly for this mistake.

Now, the bureau is saying that the agricultural sector registered a strong performance in the first semester of 2001, posting a 3.1 percent growth compared to the same period the year before. Two economists, Noel Reyes of BusinessWorld and Calixto Chikiamco of Manila Standard, have exposed in their incisive columns the fallacy of this "strong performance" in agriculture. Reyes and Chikiamco pointed out that while farm production increased in quantitative terms, farmgate prices fell sharply, resulting in P2 billion less revenue to farmers. In short, the farmers were worse off in the first semester of 2001 compared to the same period the year before. Is this growth?

We laymen can best understand the agricultural statistics by simply looking at empirical data. Farm production increased principally because the weather cooperated, with no El Niño wreaking havoc on the countryside in the last two years. Nature smiled on us, and the trees on their own showered us with fruits. The increase in farm production was not due to any increase in investments because last year the agricultural sector lost 300,000 jobs, reflecting considerable business closures and retrenchments. With the rising cost of fertilizers and insecticides, farmers reduced drastically the application of these inputs. Mercifully, farm production still increased.

Farmgate prices, however, declined steeply. If you visit the coconut producing provinces, you will often hear the purring sound of electric band saws slicing through coconut trees. Farmers have resorted to cutting their coconut trees and selling coconut lumber because the farmgate price of copra has dropped to P6 per kilo, and in remote areas even to as low as P4 per kilo, below production cost and the lowest in 50 years. One-third of the 76 million Filipinos depend on the coconut industry for their livelihood. Before the advent of electronics, copra was our No. 1 export product, averaging over US$1 billion in export sales annually. Now, the coconut industry is slowly dying.

Last May and June, farmers in Mindanao could not find buyers for their white corn because shiploads of cheap imported white corn had arrived in Cebu. It was not even a question of low farmgate prices, but the total absence of buyers for white corn. Normally, the farmgate price of white corn is P8.50 per kilo but traders refused to buy white corn even at P5 per kilo because of the glut caused by imported white corn. Many poor farmers were ruined by the importation of cheap white corn.

During the first semester of 2001, the farmgate price of *lacatan*, the banana variety popular in the local market, dropped to P6 per kilo, compared to P10 per kilo the previous year. Ironically, typhoon Feria, which wrought considerable damage to *lacatan* farmers in Luzon, brought respite to *lacatan* farmers in Mindanao. Starting this July, the *lacatan* farmgate price shot up to P9.50 per kilo because of the *fall* in over-all production of *lacatan*.

Cacao farmers in Davao were once happy to see Serge, the local chocolate maker, transfer its manufacturing plant to Toril District in Davao City where most of the cacao farms are located. In 1999, however, Serge went into receivership in the aftermath of the 1997 financial crisis. Serge cut down on production and could buy only on credit from the poor farmers! The cacao farmgate price dropped to P11 per kilo from P35 per kilo, below production cost. This forced farmers to cut down their cacao trees starting last year and to plant bananas instead. At present, the sharp decline in cacao production has resulted in scarcity, and the cacao farmgate price has shot up in the last two months to P45 per kilo.

Among the poorest farmers in the country are those who grow coffee. Sadly, the farmgate price of coffee has remained at a 9-year low since last year up to now. The farmgate price of robusta coffee is P25 per kilo, way below the P48 per kilo in previous years. The farmgate price of the high-end arabica coffee is now only P31 per kilo, compared to P65 per kilo in previous years. At these prices the poor coffee farmers are actually subsidizing the rich coffee consumers in urban areas. The solution seems to be a drastic reduction in local coffee production in order to raise farmgate prices, just like what happened in banana and cacao.

With farmgate prices of many products at historic lows, there is no cause for celebration even if farm production registers spectacular increases. We cannot call the performance of our agricultural sector in the first semester of this year as "strong" or "robust." The verifiable fact is our poor farmers were worse off last semester than they were in the same period last year. When a farmer becomes poorer even as he works harder, that is a disaster. Unfortunately, this data, which is the most important information for policymakers, is not part of the statistics of the Bureau of Agricultural Statistics.

Obvious ba?

COMMENTARY

Asuncion David Maramba

LAWYERS will never accept the obvious. In the name of democracy, of due process, of innocent-until-proven-guilty; lawyers will consider its acceptance as treading dangerous ground. And so it may be.

But the layman rues the rejection of the obvious and of the self-evident. I am not even including intuition by which any mother infallibly knows when a suitor is not good for her daughter, nor perception which in politics is "everything," but nothing in the courts, nor of plain common sense. Neither do I refer to that much abused *vox populi vox Dei* dictum.

I am just referring to a people's gut feel and knowledge that certain persons are obviously guilty or innocent whether proven or not. Weightless before the law, the "obvious" is vastly disregarded and vastly underestimated, unfortunately for us, and fortunately for suspects. These days, all these demand for "solid" evidence or keep-your mouth-shut, is coming out of my ears.

Everybody is familiar with Sen. Rodolfo Biazon's and the other onion-skinned senators' outburst over Intelligence Service of the Armed Forces of the Philippines chief, Col. Victor Corpus' "bad eggs" in Congress, the judiciary and the media. And yet, you and I know that Congress, the Senate included, can be a hatchery for bad eggs. Obvious *ba?* Even Estrada knows of "hoodlums in robes." You and I know there are also hoodlums in uniform, hoodlums in coat and tie, hoodlums in *barong*, hoodlums. Sen. Loren Legarda knows there are "characters" inside the Senate as one Ador Mawanay outside of it. And for mentioning such obvious information freely circulated by people at large, Corpus is cut short, "Name names!" Talk of putting people on the spot. It's as if Biazon declared, "I'm alive," and some character in the gallery piped up, "Prove it!"

How ironic that then General Biazon who brilliantly played defender of the people in the coups of the '80s and whom we carried to the Senate thereafter, should now play defender of dubious company, one of whom was the very arch enemy in those coups.

Granted that evidence is a boon of democracy; cornerstone, safeguard, pillar and all its other encomiums; but a fanatic demand for evidence can also be a bane of democracy. When much else is declared "inadmissible" and only a full-proof paper trail of documents, corroborations without any missing links or defects whatever, will do, what then can be proven guilty or innocent?

This insistence for black and white evidence can be another variation of the letter of the law over its spirit, especially when it belittles anything merely spoken. It can stymie the law as much as the absence of evidence. It's another triumph of technicality over essence. You have no papers? no affidavits? no certifications? no originals? Sorry, you're wasting our time.

Besides, as Manuel Morato writes, "certain crimes do not leave a paper trail or cannot be documented." Why cannot "two or more witnesses suffice to convict a criminal or criminals"? (The problem is who judges a witness as "credible.")

What happens then to crimes without any shred of evidence, with insufficient evidence, with evidence destroyed or spirited away? Who sifts through manufactured and false evidence? For there must be characters very good at such operations.

It is common knowledge that there are scores of guilty persons not proven so. They're walking around as guilty as hell and many of them are big shots at that. The very people who have turned this country into a Wild, Wild West are still roaming around with guns in their holsters. Do we need to name names? Obvious *ba?* And all because there has been little or no evidence. One would think that corruption in high places was more than enough to destroy this country; now come these charges of high crimes to finish the job.

To their credit, most trial lawyers try to avoid "miscarriages of justice" at all cost; like guilty persons who go scot-free for lack of evidence and innocent persons falsely judged as guilty. One wonders which of the two is more preponderant and which one is more serious.

Here's food for thought. Does it follow that if a guilty person is not proven guilty, he or she is therefore innocent, to be accorded full rehabilitation, recompense and acceptance by a forgiving and forgetting people like us? That is why I go for the Scotland verdicts of "guilty," "not guilty," "not proven." It makes a lot of sense and gives allowance for shortcomings of the law and of investigative efforts.

As I said in the beginning, a literal law may never accept the obvious. Lawyers and courts may have no choice about the matter. Sen. Sergio Osmeña III has asked, "If we find Senator Lacson innocent, will the public believe us?" And why, may we ask, won't the public believe them? Is it because the people know better? Is it because the "obvious" resoundingly declares otherwise?

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Power to the 'p' word

AT LARGE

Rina Jimenez-David

ABOUT 10 minutes into the Filipino version of "The Vagina Monologues," you'd have heard the word *"puki"* so many times it would have ceased to shock, amuse or titillate. The first time one of the three women actors utters the word, there's a collective gasp followed by embarrassed laughter. But by the time they get going with all the local terms for vagina—from vulgarisms to euphemisms—the word loses much of its shock and entertainment value. And I guess we're lucky we Pinoys have such a "cute" term for the female sex organ. "Vagina" does sound like a surgical instrument: "Nurse, hand me the vagina."

Having watched "TVM" in English twice before, you could say I've gained some familiarity with the material. Hearing it performed in your native language, though, brings the women's views, stories and experiences "up close and personal."

The one thing I feared, upon hearing news that "TVM" had undergone translation and adaptation, was that the material would be coarsened in the process. What I most enjoyed at the "world premiere" last Friday evening was the poetry, the lyricism and yet also the immediacy and bluntness and humor of women talking about the most intimate matters of heart and body, sexuality and identity, in language everyone, from *sosi* to *jolog*, can understand. Larry Henares arrived with an entourage that included his driver. Afterwards, I thought how liberating it must be—not for the driver, but for the material. Translated into the language of the streets and of homes, "TVM" can now break free from the confines of The Music Museum and reach a whole new audience.

To illustrate, I had "known" of the horrors of female genital mutilation for years. Yet, reading and even hearing about it in clinical English, the cutting or outright incising of the clitoris aroused only mild anguish and "politically correct" anger. Hearing these same unspeakable cruelties spoken of in Filipino, though, was literally gut-wrenching.

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THREE women translated "TVM," three other women bring their words to life.

The translators comprise a sisterhood of exemplary achievement and commitment to women's issues. Glecy Atienza, Joi Barrios and Luna Sicat have between them enough Palanca and other literary awards, academic credentials and creative output to keep a women's literary conference going. I must wonder, though, why the material seems rather uneven, soaring in portions but mundane in the rest. I guess it must also have been the difficulty of "translating" experiences not quite as common here as in the United Sates, such as attending a "vagina workshop," or seeking counseling because one had never experienced an orgasm.

For their part, the actors—Arlene Borja, Pinky Marquez and Harlene Bautista-Sarmenta—give voice to the rollicking and at times sobering material with remarkable energy and concentration. I was most pleasantly surprised with Harlene, whom I had only known previously as a "minor" teen star, stuck in roles like the lead's best friend, younger sister or nemesis. In "TVM" she shows that she has clearly matured as a performer. Her "take" on the Bosnian war rape victim was most affecting. For much of it, director Rito Asilo had a single soft spotlight focused on her face, which spoke far more of the horrors of the outrage than any words could.

Marquez gets to do the hilarious "angry vagina" monologue, but is hampered by the often-awkward translation. Borja has the privilege of playing "the woman who loved to make vaginas happy," with the scene-stealing riff on women's orgasmic moans. Her take on it is raunchy and abandoned, especially when she improvises with the "diva moan." But I won't tell you how, lest I spoil the surprise.

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AS WITH the English version, the producers of "TVM" are staging it for the benefit of the "The Purple Rose Campaign" against the international trafficking of Filipino women and children.

With the Filipino translation, the New Voice Company has a chance to bring the advocacy for women's rights and against violence against women and sexual exploitation to a wider audience. Exciting indeed are plans to mount "TVM" in English and Filipino in schools and communities around the country. Truly, no amount of strident manifestos or impassioned consciousness-raising sessions could match the power to inform, convince, move and impel to action that one night's performance of "TVM" packs. If only for that, "TVM" truly is "a piece of cultural history," as Variety declared.

But "TVM's" impact goes far beyond—or deeper within—than just gender and sexual politics. In this I think "TVM" shares the same ground as "Sex and the City," the show that dares portray women as just as, if not more, interested in sex than their partners (or prey).

Kim Cattral, who portrays Samantha, the most sexually freewheeling of "S&C's" quartet, said recently on "Oprah" that her character had personally affected her in that "Sam" has taught her to be more open and honest in her sexuality. And I found it astounding that the show would have exactly the same impact on one of its leads as it has had on its loyal, avid and eager audience.

For "S&C" focuses not just on sex, but also on the search for everything else that sex or a sexual relationship (it is hoped) could bring: intimacy, meaning, caring, friendship, romance, maybe even marriage. Needy, searching, confused and yet fiercely protective of their own integrity, the four women of "S&C" provide models of negotiating the minefield of contemporary culture with its shifting ground of values and sureties.

So it is with "TVM." By "claiming" the word "vagina," celebrating its existence, marveling at its beauty and power, yet warning of its own fragility, too, the play has allowed women to enjoy and revel in their being sexual creatures. The good news is that "TVM" in Filipino brings the same kind of freedom to Aling Pacing, though she may in fact be wondering what all this fuss being made over *"puki"* is all about.

The universality of greatness

PUBLIC LIVES

Randy David

SEVEN Asians are this year's recipients of the prestigious Ramon Magsaysay Awards. The awardees are being recognized for their greatness of spirit and outstanding service to others. None of them is a Filipino. Some observers have taken this as a commentary on the scarcity of greatness in our present society.

The concern about not seeing a Filipino winner this year is understandable in view of the need to lift ourselves from the mood of self-lacerating demoralization in which we seem to find ourselves. But, as a new trustee of the foundation, I can say with confidence that the absence of a Filipino among this year's awardees does not indicate a lack of greatness among our people. The award is given to individuals and institutions from all over Asia that have distinguished themselves for their bold and exemplary achievements. We assume that such greatness exists in equal measure among the various peoples of this vast continent.

By its sheer size, China, the world's most populous country, should have the most number of awardees. But it does not. In the 43 years that the foundation has given its awards, China has had only five winners. In contrast, the Philippines has had 32, next only to India, from whose population of almost one billion people the foundation has chosen 38 awardees in the last four decades.

While greatness may be equally distributed, public recognition obviously is not. China's under-representation in this Asian equivalent of the Nobel Prize mirrors its long isolation from the world community. Today, as China opens its doors and windows to the world, it is easier for the rest of humanity to appreciate models of individual greatness that have flourished in that society all these years.

Two of them are singled out for recognition this year. The awardee for Government Service, Yuan Longping, is a plant scientist who created China's most successful hybrid rice. Half of his country's vast farms are planted to the high-yielding seeds he invented, enabling his nation of 1.3 billion people to become self-sufficient in this basic staple food. China's farmers revere him for bringing prosperity to their villages. The patents he holds to these miracle seeds would make him a millionaire, but he donates the proceeds from his inventions to a fund for scientific research. On the night of the awards, he received his medal and diploma in faded trousers and a loose jacket, reflecting the simple lifestyle he leads to this day.

Wu Qing, the awardee for Public Service, started out as a teacher of English in Beijing. She was so effective among her students that she was asked to teach popular English to a television mass audience. In an instant, she became the favorite teacher of millions. In 1984, Wu Qing won a seat in their district's People's Congress representing her school. Now she is a deputy to the Beijing Municipal People's Congress, a position to which she has been reelected four times.

Wu Qing champions women's rights and the rule of law in a society that continues to be in the grip of feudal and patriarchal values. She travels widely to promote self-improvement among China's women, putting up a training center to impart skills to rural women and out-of-school girls so they may establish a basis for personal and political autonomy. She launched the first university course on feminism in China. She set up a hotline in Beijing for women confronting problems of domestic violence, sexual harassment, childcare, family planning and divorce.

We may take achievements like Wu Qing's for granted in the Philippines. But we must view their significance in the context of the cultures and societies in which they make their mark. Like Wu Qing, the two awardees for Emergent Leadership—Oung Chanthol of Cambodia and Dita Indah Sari of Indonesia—have to contend with social and political realities that leave little space for meaningful intervention, let alone by women. Oung, at 34, runs a pioneering shelter for victims of sex trafficking near the Thai border. Dita, at 28, leads one of the most militant labor unions in post-Suharto Indonesia. Imprisoned several times, she is at the forefront of her country's difficult transition to democracy.

The spark of greatness can rekindle a people's spirits often in the most basic areas of human activity. India's Rajendra Singh, the awardee for Community Service, does it by helping communities revive and protect their water sources. Employing local technology, he made it possible for hundreds of communities in his country to improve their lives by securing a most precious need, water. What Rajendra did for water, the Sri Lankan musician, Amaradeva, the awardee for Journalism, Literature and Creative Communication Arts, did for his people's music. He revived it, enriched it and made it accessible to the popular masses.

But for all our specific and differing concerns as nations, we remain part of a whole, with a common heritage of human achievement. The awardee for Peace and International Understanding, Ikuo Hirayama of Japan, testifies to this truth. A survivor of the Hiroshima nuclear blast, he found strength in Buddhism and went on to become a famous painter. Despairing over the sorry state of historic ruins everywhere, he devoted himself to preserving monuments to human achievement against the perils of war, vandalism and neglect. In this he found common cause with Unesco. Hirayama travels far and wide rescuing priceless artifacts and calling international attention to the urgency of protecting them in the name of future generations.

Greatness, ultimately, has no nationality.

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THEY SAID

Another cartel to fight

"We are fighting a powerful cabal of cartel operators who will fight for every cent of extra profit."
—Anthony Ian Cruz of TXTPower group on Smart and Globe

Nothing personal

"My interest in his case is not a personal battle against him but has something to do with the goal of crushing organized crime to protect the citizens."
—President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo on accusations against Sen. Panfilo Lacson

Homage to Sin

"With my eyes I captured your life. With your life, you captured my heart. You suffer for us, because of us, instead of us."
—Newly ordained Bishop Socrates "Soc" Villegas said to Jaime Cardinal Sin

Cutting, not pruning trees

"Cutting the trees into stumps is definitely not pruning."
—Evangeline Martinez of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources on the cutting of 18 trees at the National Bureau of Investigation in Baguio to "beautify" the place

Feel of growth

"The numbers are good but I guess people want to feel it in their pockets."
—Eagle Equities president Joey Roxas on the reported GDP growth rate of the country

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INSIDE THE FEEDBACK LOOP:

Revisiting the collusion issue

THIS page is meant to stimulate public discussion by inviting well-qualified resource persons to write cogent arguments for or against a given hot-button topic. Every now and then, however, an unsolicited or unscheduled contribution comes in that is guaranteed to bring the discussion forward. Starting with today's issue, we inaugurate our feedback loop; every several weeks or so, we will revisit a still-hot topic with a fresh or unrepresented or original take. Today, we hear from the Philippine Army on a still-current scandal that has rent the soldierly heart.

'Our soldiers don't need another enemy'

LT. COL. JOSE Z. MABANTA JR.
Chief, Public Affairs, Philippine Army

Captain Guinolbay saw in Father Nacorda a source of comfort and solace. He did not know his words would be used to accuse his own organization in a public drama

FATHER Cirilo Nacorda, parish priest of the once-quiet town of Lamitan, Basilan, has resolutely condemned the Abu Sayyaf Group after witnessing its beastly and appalling activities and being a kidnap victim himself of the bandit group in 1994. However, he shocked the whole nation and the international community recently with his claims of connivance between the military and the bandits.

These allegations drew a variety of reactions from different sectors of society. Some were in anger and panic over what seemed a defilement of the reputation of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, some in anger over the priest's change of cloak. Still, others were in a mixed state of resignation, frustration, helplessness and outrage over the seeming intractability of this imbroglio that our nation is facing. This was probably the same state of mind in which the Lamitan parish priest found himself, when the Abu Sayyaf fanatics seized the town hospital on June 2, 2001 and effectively eluded the army troops.

Pain, doubt

On June 8, 1994, the Abu Sayyaf took Fr. Nacorda hostage; 15 of his companions were killed. Army Scout Rangers later rescued him. After his rescue, he repeatedly pronounced that the Abu Sayyaf would never capture him alive again and began his anti-ASG crusade.

On March 20 last year, the Abu Sayyaf abducted 23 teachers and 30 students—including Claretian missionary Father Rhoel Gallardo—from four different schools in Basilan. After an army raid on Camp Abdurazzak on May 3, the bodies of four hostages—Fr. Gallardo and schoolteachers Anabelle Mendoza, Editha Lumame and Ruben Democrito—were recovered. This tragedy struck Fr. Nacorda severely and, perhaps, even traumatized him.

By this time, he had probably started to believe that the military was unable to address the ASG problem effectively, was ergo inept in such crises. In the wake of these and other prior developments, he pressed authorities to arm the civilian volunteers' organizations (CVOs) in Basilan to allow its citizens to defend themselves against the impending onslaught of the ASG bandits. Although the ASG problem is a multidimensional one, he must have thought that a military solution was the only way of dealing with and deterring the brigands' atrocities.

On the fateful day of June 2 this year, Aldam Tilao also known as Abu Sabaya and his band of terrorists raided Lamitan and held the town hospital for several hours. By the time government troops came, it was already a little too late—the Abu Sayyaf had slipped through after an 18-hour standoff.

Fr. Nacorda's contention is that it was almost impossible for the ASG to escape from the scene of encounter when it was surrounded by military troops, who were better armed and equipped. Totally baffled about the repeated high-profile ASG atrocities, which remained unabated up to this recent military fiasco, he must have entertained the thought of a possible tie-up between the military and the ASG.

A debacle

Though it was precise in previous operations against various threat groups, the military failed to contain this particular threat this time. Its information gathering faltered. The troops focused on the Semat Tuburan encounter site since it was the first contact with the kidnappers from Palawan five days after the May 27 abduction of the hostages from Dos Palmas.

The abductors went to the Torres Hospital compound and introduced themselves as army soldiers to the security guard. Scout Ranger reinforcements were hastily called in from Zamboanga and landed in Lamitan before midnight of June 1, unaware that an ambush had already been laid in place by the terrorists near the hospital compound. Five rangers died on the spot.

The order to assault before sundown of June 2 had been given by the Division Commander. Another company of reinforcements from Zamboanga arrived shortly past sundown, eight hours after the expected time, just as the bandits had made good their escape. It was only through the revelations of the recovered hostages that the military authorities confirmed that the main ASG force with all the hostages was holed up in Lamitan.

These lapses were caused primarily by the lack of basic equipment, such as transportation to shuttle the forces. Naval boats, which ferried the troops across the Basilan strait, were slow and inadequate. There were not enough helicopters.

There was poor communication between units due to lack of radios. On several occasions, the only means of communication was through foot couriers. Giving instructions to maneuver, therefore, was difficult. Accounts of the operations disclose that government troops may have even shot at each other during the night of June 1-2, due to their inability to coordinate their positions. There was only a small army detachment in Lamitan; the town relied on its Cafgus and CVOs for its defense, together with a handful of policemen.

Reality check

To say the least, the Lamitan incident is a faux pas for which the military will always be blamed. One of these repercussions is the raving public suspicion that connivance and financial dealings between the government forces and the Abu Sayyaf thugs may well be true.

To be given command of a Brigade and much more a division in the Philippine Army, an officer must have built a good service reputation over the years. He goes through board scrutiny as to his character, his integrity and his professionalism. To accuse a general and a colonel of the Philippine Army of accepting money in order to allow the enemy to escape is a serious charge that goes deep into the heart of every soldier. General Dominguez admits giving P5,000 to a doctor in the Lamitan Emergency Hospital to augment the meager resources being used to treat his wounded men. But why would Fr. Nacorda connect this kind act to the escape of the Abu Sayyaf terrorists from Lamitan?

We heard Fr. Nacorda's lecture at the Assumption College in Makati two weeks ago. He even hurled general accusations against the "lifestyle" of military officers. A daughter of an Army Brigade Commander who was in the audience was shocked with the accusations of Fr. Nacorda against the profession of her dad. An Army wife who happened to be in the audience berated him for his generalization that military men are profligate. Fr. Nacorda wanted the students to launch a crusade to denounce the military.

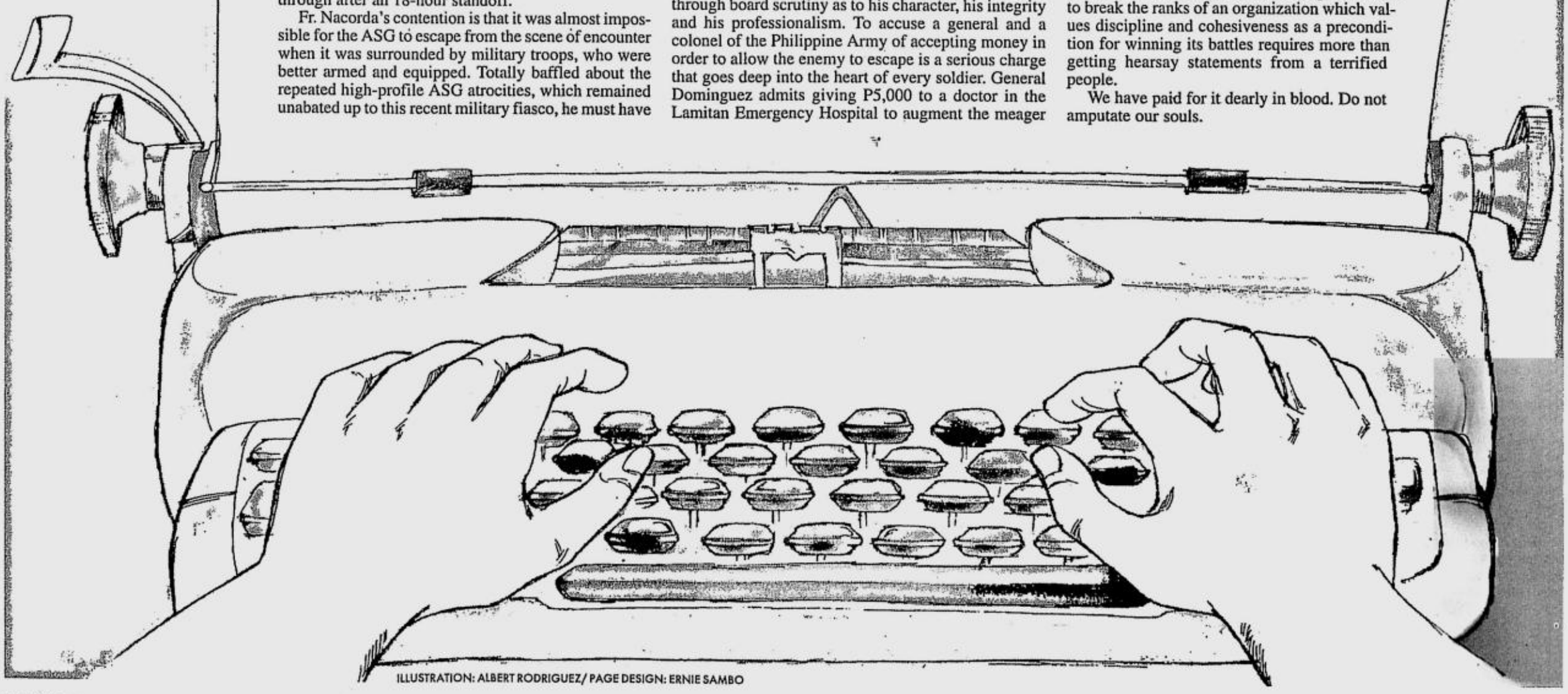
Fr. Nacorda's displaced aggression against the military establishment seems to be the effect of his traumatic experience in the hands of the Abu Sayyaf. But unfounded accusations against senior military officers serve no better end than making Abu Sayyaf bandits laugh and weakening the morale of our fighting men who have marched in the steamy and rain-drenched jungles of Basilan for weeks on end, looking for the real enemy. They do not need another enemy behind their backs.

Fr. Nacorda claims that Captain Ruben Guinolbay of the Rangers who reinforced Lamitan that fateful night of June 1 confided to him that his men "were used as bait," apparently to explain why he suffered casualties. Capt. Guinolbay has denied to the congressional committee that he said this to Fr. Nacorda. But veterans say that the tension, the stress, the desperation that creeps in after an intense firefight in which a leader suffers casualties causes that leader sometimes to utter harsh words against his organization. This is normal, they say. Assuming that Capt. Guinolbay really said those words, they were from a distressed man who was still recovering from the shock and he saw in Father Nacorda a source of comfort and solace. Little did he know that those words were to be used by this priest to accuse the captain's own organization in a public drama.

Was there AFP-ASG collusion at Lamitan? Certainly, there was none. There were tactical lapses resulting from lack of adequate forces, transportation, and communication among others that need examination and correction not only by the military but the political leadership as well.

But to accuse the military of conniving with the enemy to allow them to escape is rubbing salt into our wounds. The Army had paid for the mistakes dearly with the loss of precious lives. For a person, regardless of vocation, to take upon himself to break the ranks of an organization which values discipline and cohesiveness as a precondition for winning its battles requires more than getting hearsay statements from a terrified people.

We have paid for it dearly in blood. Do not amputate our souls.



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Talking points

THE ARGUMENT of Lt. Col. Mabanta is really based on two lines of reasoning. The first is the most obvious but it also looks the least effective. The second is more subtle but it has the power to persuade even the skeptical. (This is not to pass judgment on his argument, merely to weigh the relative merits of his strategies in arguing.)

The first may be considered a variation of the straw man argument: Mabanta creates his "version" of Fr. Nacorda. Based on key Nacorda statements and individual acts, he draws a very vivid picture of a parish priest, an ex-hostage, under severe emotional if not psychological pressure.

Mabanta's phrasing is unmistakable: "Totally baffled about the repeated high-profile ASG atrocities... he must have entertained the thought of a possible tie-up between the military and the ASG." And again: his "displaced aggression against the military establishment seems to be the effect of his traumatic experience in the hands of the Abu Sayyaf."

This picture may be an accurate reflection of the truth, or it may be grossly inaccurate. We really don't know because the portrait is guesswork at best. This line of reasoning allows Mabanta to reach certain conclusions but the result is somewhat uncertain, decidedly hedgy, because the speculative nature of the premise fills the entire syllogism with a whiff of stale air.

On first blush, the second line of reasoning may strike the reader as an argument to pity but on closer look it appears as an illustration of the argument from authority. In this case, the authority of experience—a point driven home by such descriptive statements as "the morale of our fighting men who have marched in the steamy and rain-drenched jungles of Basilan for weeks on end." The passage about what a military officer under severe pressure goes through is especially effective: "But veterans say that the tension, the stress, the desperation that creeps in after an intense firefight in which a leader suffers casualties causes that leader sometimes to utter harsh words against his organization."

This has the ring of what critics call verisimilitude. It sounds just about right.–*J. Nery*

Dust mite, magnified 200 times

Indoor Air Pollution: what you don't know can hurt you...

HERE'S SHOCKING NEWS: Indoor air pollution can be as harmful as -- if not more harmful than -- outdoor air pollution.

Unknown to us, the air at home is teeming with millions of microorganisms and harmful substances unseen by the naked eye. A circus of dust mites, pollen, animal dander, molds, and harmful chemicals fill the air. If there's a lot of sneezing going on in a household, or if residents suffer from a variety of respiratory ailments - from asthma to rhinitis and chronic bronchitis - chances are, the air is polluted, or filled with allergens.

The best way to protect the family from the harmful effects of indoor air pollution is to use a high efficiency filter with your air conditioner so that the allergy-and-disease-causing microparticles in the air can be trapped and prevented from recirculating in the air.

3M Filtrete™ aircon filter -- one of over 60,000 high-technology products that 3M manufactures to make life easier and better for people around the world -- is a special filter with electrostatically-charged fibers that act like magnets to attract and trap airborne dust, bacteria, and other allergy causing particles.

Built-in aircon filters are designed to protect the aircon but do not purify the air or trap harmful allergens. High-efficiency aircon filters such as 3M's Filtrete™ Aircon Filters can trap microparticles like pollen, mold, lint and pet danders that aggravate and cause respiratory diseases, skin allergies and other discomforts 20 times better than ordinary screen mesh filters. They are so effective in trapping air pollutants that the American Lung Association has recommended their use for pollution-free indoor air.

By using Filtrete™ air filters, families can have pure indoor air for as long as two months under normal conditions -- depending on the amount of indoor air pollution present in the house. Smoking, ongoing construction, renovation and the presence of pets all affect the indoor air pollution level.

Families today tend to take the quality of the air they breathe indoors for granted. But maybe its time to be aware of the odds one faces at home. For instance, just one dust particle contains at least 40,000 dust mites that are known to be the most common causes of respiratory conditions like bronchial asthma and skin allergies.

Housewives must thus acquire the habit of attaching Filtrete™ high-efficiency air filters on their air conditioners because indoor pollution increases the risk of acquiring acute respiratory diseases that can kill us softly. This is especially true for babies and young children whose lungs are still developing and whose respiratory passages are narrower.

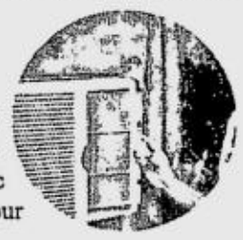
Filtrete™ Microparticle Aircon Filter, available at leading hardware retail stores and home improvement centers -- Ace Hardware, SM Workshop, The Landmark, True Value, Handyman and selected Mercury Drug outlets -- is so easy to use and lasts a long time. Truly, acquiring the Filtrete™ aircon filter habit is a solid investment for one's good health and wellbeing.

5 Easy Steps to Healthy Breathing

Doctors who specialize in respiratory diseases, allergies and skin diseases advise the general public -- especially asthma and other respiratory disease sufferers -- to get into the habit of using additional high-efficiency filters with their air conditioners.

Air conditioners do keep the temperature even around the house and reduce the humidity in the air, but they're not enough for keeping the air clean and free of dust mites -- the main source of allergens and other irritants that cause respiratory woes, skin irritations and allergies.

Pulmonologists, allergologists and dermatologists say it is not a luxury, but a necessity, to use additional aircon filters regularly with air conditioners. The American Lung Association (ALA) has recommended Filtrete™ high-efficiency air filters with electrostatic fibers for this purpose. Here are 5 easy steps to keep your indoor air clean and pollution-free with the use of Filtrete™ aircon filters:



Step 1
Take your Filtrete™ Microparticle Aircon Filter with electrostatic fibers out of the box, get your pair of scissors ready and slide out your built-in screen mesh filter from your air conditioner.

Step 2
Cut the Filtrete™ filter to cover at least 3/4 of your built-in screen filter. Filtrete™ has electret fibers that carry a permanent electrical charge that attract matter -- airborne dust, pollen and other allergy-aggravating microparticles -- as air passes through it.

Step 3
Secure your cut Filtrete™ aircon filter onto the back of the built-in screen filter. A special 3M double-sided tape comes free in every Filtrete™ package.

Step 4
Now, slide back your aircon's built-in screen filter -- now with Filtrete™ high efficiency air filter -- into place and get ready to breathe the clean air your instant air purifier brings!

Step 5
Finally, attach the enclosed Air Quality Indicator on the aircon cover. This indicator is actually a pre-cut Filtrete™ high-efficiency air filter designed to aid you in telling the right time when to change your Filtrete™ air filters without having to open your aircon any more. If the filter strip turns black, its time to change your filter -- you'll be amazed at how excellent Filtrete™ air filters are in accumulating harmful microparticles! Check it periodically to ensure the quality of air that you breathe.

Under normal conditions, your Filtrete™ air filter will last as long as two months. Its life span can vary greatly on the levels of air pollution in your environment. Smoking, ongoing construction, renovation and the presence of pets all affect the indoor air pollution level inside your house and may make you change filters more often.

When you use Filtrete™ air filters, you turn your air conditioners into air purifiers too! Thus, regular use of Filtrete™ Microparticle Aircon Filter with electrostatic fibers helps safeguard your family's health from allergens that trigger respiratory conditions

Families laud 3M Filtrete™ aircon filter

In a city where air pollution exists even indoors, it is more difficult than ever to be able to breathe healthy and clean air. To remedy this problem, people in the know use high efficiency aircon filters in their air conditioners. The American Lung Association has recommended 3M Filtrete™ for this purpose.

Sufferers of respiratory diseases like asthma, rhinitis, and chronic bronchitis have noticed a remarkable improvement in their breathing after installing Filtrete™ aircon filter in their air conditioners.

One who benefited from using 3M Filtrete™ aircon filter is Dr. Bernardine Felix-Dungo. Her four children all suffer from non-seasonal forms of asthma, which she discovered, are provoked by accumulated dust. Her children's condition was aggravated when a house was constructed right next to their Las Pinas home.

"A lot of dust would accumulate inside the house, so we had to close the windows and use the aircon most of the time," Dr. Dungo noted. Dr. Dungo noticed that her children had frequent attacks of asthma. Even her husband suffered from coughs and colds, from time to time.

So Dr. Dungo decided to try 3M Filtrete™ which she found while shopping at SM's workshop section. After reading the information on the package, she decided to give it a try. " We have tried other 3M products before and we have always been satisfied with the excellent quality of their products," Dr. Dungo explained. Once 3M Filtrete™ high efficiency aircon filter was installed in their air conditioning unit, "Filtrete trapped a lot of the dust particles which lessened the respiratory symptoms of my children," Dr. Dungo said, very much relieved.

"My husband and I are glad we purchased Filtrete as we have seen how beneficial it has been, especially with regards to our children's health... We will continue to use Filtrete regularly," Dr. Dungo concluded.

How does 3M Filtrete™ help to ease the misery of asthma sufferers and those with other forms of respiratory ailments and allergies?

The Dungo Family.

3M Filtrete™ high efficiency aircon filter is made of electrostatically-charged fibers that work like magnets to attract and trap microparticles. It prevents lint, mold, spores, smoke, and dust particles that cause asthma attacks, allergy flare-ups, headaches, and other respiratory problems, from recirculating back into the air.

Most built-in aircon filters can trap large particles. But microparticles like smoke particles and other allergens pass through easily so they are recirculated right back into your room. These harmful microparticles are the very "specialty" of 3M Filtrete™ high efficiency aircon filters. 3M Filtrete™ aircon filters just suck up these "unseen villains" and keep them jailed up in the filters.

Some parts of the metropolis are more polluted than others. That's why Remedios Datiles, homemaker, believes that Filtrete™ high efficiency aircon filter has done heavy duty work for their indoor air and has worked wonders for her child's health. "*Masyadong polluted dito sa amin sa Cubao. After using Filtrete, malaking naitulong sa aming pamilya. Hindi na gaanong sinisipon at inuubo ang anak ko. Hindi na rin kami madalas pumunta sa doktor,*" she happily announced.

Henry Sanchez, another satisfied Filtrete™ aircon filter user, said, "Filtrete has helped a lot in reducing the dust in our home. It has improved the health of my family and minimized the early morning sneezes of my daughter."

You too can discover what 3M Filtrete™ high efficiency aircon filter can do for you and your family. Start breathing fresher and cleaner air. For more information on healthy living, call 813-3781 or visit *www.3m.com.ph* and *www.lungusa.org*.

INDOOR AIR IS NOT AS CLEAN AS YOU THINK

Dust, pollen, plant and mold spores, and even bacteria can re-circulate in your home. A recent study by the Environmental Protection Agency says that the air we breathe at home may be two to five times, and occasionally, 100 times more polluted than the air we breathe outdoors. This could lead to health problems including asthma, severe chest pains, chronic bronchitis, shortness of breath, and even premature death. One way to reduce and control indoor pollution is to use Filtrete™ Aircon Filter with your air conditioning unit. Unlike ordinary screen filters, Filtrete™ Aircon Filter has electrostatic fibers that effectively attract and trap these microparticles. So you and your family breathe only cool, clean, and healthy air.

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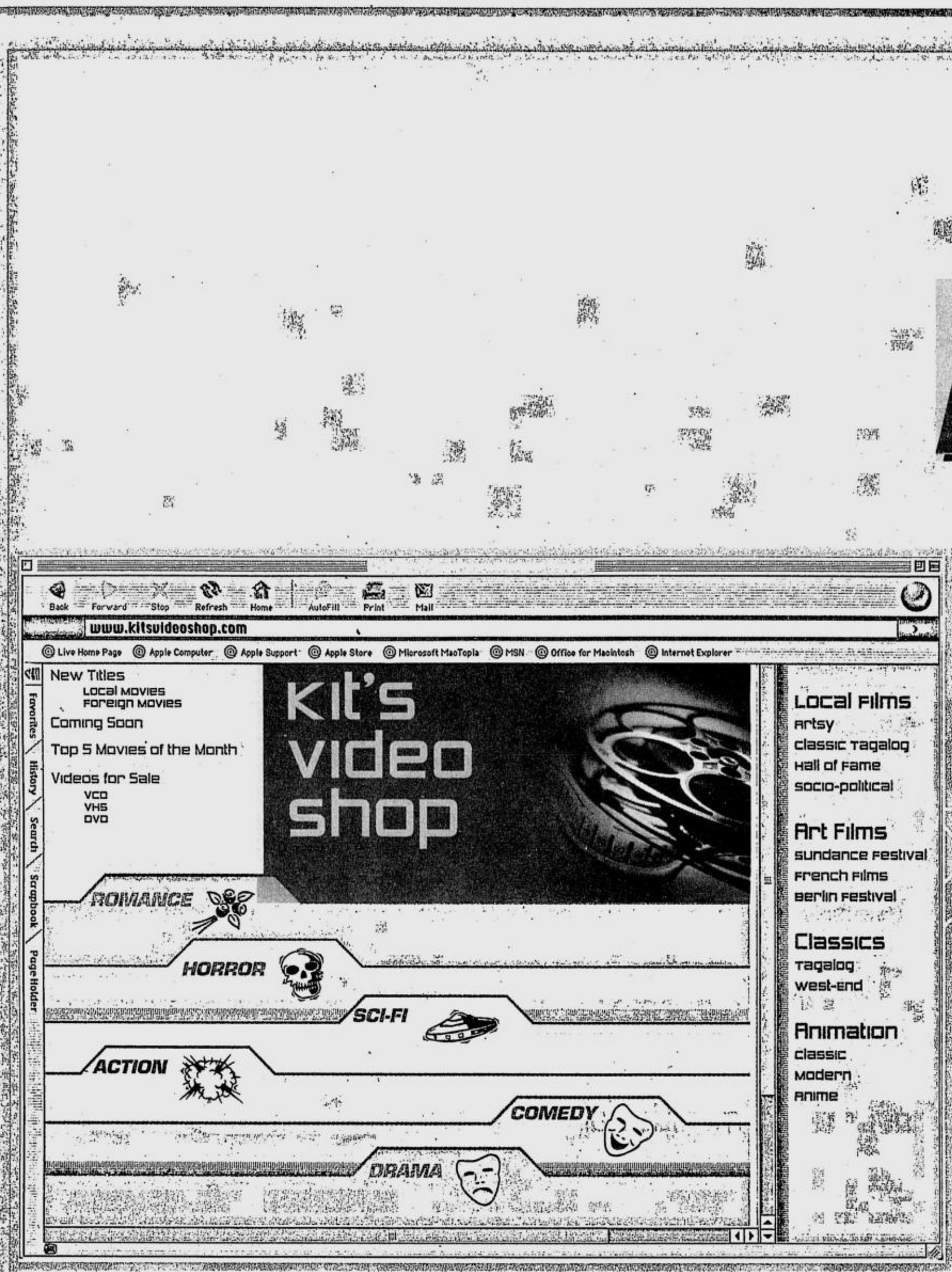

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Tokyo blast brings panic, 44 deaths

TOKYO—Revelers thronging Tokyo's famous Kabukicho district for a night of fun found themselves instead amid a scene of terror early yesterday, as a massive blast and fire filled the streets with smoke and anguished cries for help.

The dull sound of the explosion in a mahjong parlor swiftly brought panic to the surrounding area, witnesses said.

The explosion, suspected to have been caused by a gas leak, and subsequent fire killed 44 people and injured three others, the worst such incident in Tokyo since World War II.

"I was handing out leaflets for the pub near a McDonald's just a few buildings away . . . then I heard a sound like someone was pounding on a wall," said Toshiki Iwasawa, a 28-year-old employee at a nearby pub.

"When I looked back, there was already massive smoke," he said, saying he then saw a man falling from the blast-wrecked building.

"It was already amazing that the man was still alive after being smashed onto the ground, but he was shouting 'There are still customers, customers . . .'"

"He tried to get in again but was stopped" by fire fighters and police, Iwasawa said.

Police said later three people had fallen as they tried to escape the burning building. All were being treated in hospital.

The blast around 1 a.m. (12 noon Friday in Manila) tore through the Ikkyu mahjong game parlor—the name meaning 'one rest' as well as being the name of a renowned 15th-century Buddhist monk—located on the third floor of the four-story building.

The "Super Loose" girlie bar on the fourth floor was also badly burned, police said. Kabukicho is well known as a red light district, as well as a center for drinking, dining and nightclubs.

Kabukicho, just five minutes' walk from the nation's busiest railway station, Shinjuku, is almost always thronged with people late into the night.

Another eyewitness, 22-year-old Kaede Ito, said she was passing in front of the building when saw the black smoke above.

"Lots of spectators gathered quickly while firemen on ladder trucks were trying to rescue trapped people," she said.

"I saw a man, bleeding, carried on a stretcher. I believe he was still alive although his head was smeared with lots of blood." *AFP*

Mideast dominates opening of UN meet to combat racism

DURBAN, South Africa—The Middle East dominated the opening of the world conference against racism Friday as Yasser Arafat accused Israel of "racist practices" against the Palestinian people.

The Palestinian leader's sharp rhetoric undercut a campaign by the Rev. Jesse Jackson, who said he had urged Arafat shortly beforehand to drop his support for a summit declaration that would attack Israel as a racist state and equate Zionism, the movement that founded Israel as a homeland for the Jewish people, with racism.

Palestinian officials later accused Jackson of being "overzealous" and said they still would seek condemnation of Israeli "racist practices."

The World Conference Against Racism, taking place in the coastal city of Durban, has been plagued by controversy over efforts to condemn Israel and demands for reparations for slavery and colonialism.

The United States, Canada and Israel refused to send high-level delegations because of proposed wording in the conference's draft final document they considered anti-Semitic or anti-Israel.

In Washington, US officials said Friday that American diplomats would quit the conference if anti-Israel provisions remain in its final declaration.

During a round-table of world leaders, Arafat urged delegates to condemn the suffering of Palestinians.

"What we can hope for is that this conference will say what is bad, what is just in the face of this bloody tragedy that has befallen the Palestinian people. It is a colonial, racist plot, a plot of aggression, of uprooting, of taking over land as well," Arafat said to strong applause.

"This brutality, this arrogance is moved by a supremacist mentality, a mentality of racial discrimination," he said.

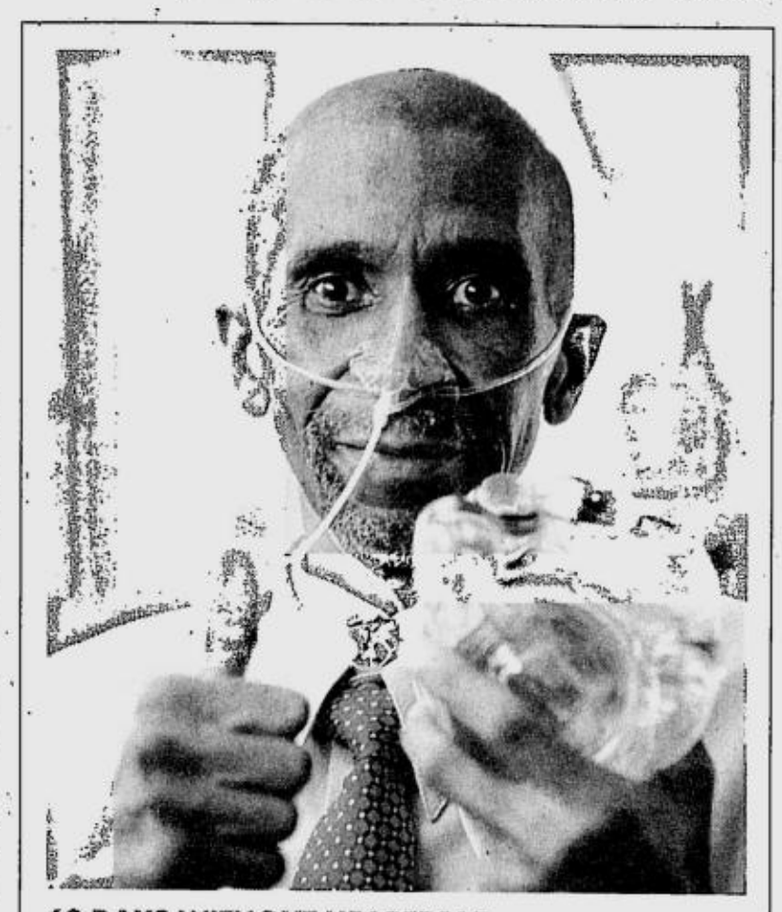
Israeli Foreign Ministry spokesperson Noam Katz reiterated the Jewish state's position that the racism conference was not the appropriate forum to discuss the Mideast conflict.

"We are not here at the conference to discuss, to deal with specific political problems. We are here to create a united front against racism," Katz said.

Jackson, when asked for his reaction to the speech, pointed out that Arafat had not condemned Zionism.

Still, there was considerable confusion about Jackson's discussions with the Palestinian delegation.

Before Arafat's speech, the American civil rights leader announced that the Palestinian leader had indicated to him that he would lobby against a conference declaration condemning Israel as a racist state. *AP*



60 DAYS WITHOUT HEARTBEAT

Robert Tools, the world's first recipient of the AbioCor Implantable Replacement Heart, holds an Abiocar Unit in this photo released by the Jewish Hospital in Louisville, Kentucky, as the team that implanted the device prepares to mark the 60-day milestone of the operation which was performed on July 2, 2001. Drs. Laman Gray and Rob Dowling announced Aug. 30 that Mr. Tools continues to spend a lot of time out of his hospital room, taking short walks and visiting other areas of the hospital. REUTERS

Vinyl records hit 50 long-playing years

BY PETER SHARD

PARIS—Half a century after it first appeared in the shops, the black vinyl long-playing record is suddenly popular once again.

Subsequent developments may have made a great difference to the way the world listens to its music but nothing in the past 50 years has come close to replicating the nature of the revolution caused when the German company Deutsche Grammophon (DG) unveiled its new invention in the late summer of 1951.

The Langspielplatte, or long-player (conveniently abbreviated to the acronym LP), represented a breakthrough both in speed and material, being made of PVC instead of shellac and playing at the slower speed of 33-and-a-third revolutions per minute (rpm) as opposed to 78.

It also meant that the new 12-inch (30cm) discs could hold up to 30 minutes' worth of music per side, as opposed to the previous nine-minute capacity of the earlier discs, thus making it possible at last to record certain classical works on a single two-sided disc for the first time.

While DG managed to produce the first such discs, the technology had been developed in the United States during the 1940s, but a leaf through the first DG catalogue shows some surprising choices with which to launch the new product.

Staple classics like Brahms' Second Symphony and Mozart's Eine Kleine Nachtmusik were among the old favorites, but the list also included some less-considered works like the Dvorak String Quartet, Stravinsky's Capriccio, Bartok's Violin Concerto and the Bruckner Te Deum.

To a modern ear, used to the luxury of digital recording techniques, these early forays into the brave new world may sound primitive in their monophonic simplicity but at the time they were little short of sensational.

The first stereophonic recordings were still a fair way off—the first in 1956 featured an organ recital in the Dutch town of Alkmaar with Helmut Wacha—but the stage was set for nearly 40 years of unrivalled market domination. Stereo cassettes and other formats came and went but could never quite replace the LP in the affections of music lovers, until the advent of the Compact Disc, that is.

And it was somehow fitting that DG should bring music on vinyl to the world's ears, for the company was founded by the pioneering father of recording techniques, Emil Berliner, born in Germany but an emigre to the United States, where he patented the first microphone in 1877, before selling it on to the Bell Telephone Company a year later.

Berliner was to return to his native Hanover, where he and his brother Joseph opened Europe's first telephone factory in 1881, and from such beginnings, the gramophone evolved..

It would later oust the less practical recording cylinders of the phonograph developed by Thomas Edison, until by the early years of the 20th century, the gramophone had become what would today be termed the "industry standard."

Over the years, the DG catalogue has featured the work of some of the greatest recording artists. In the early days it was the likes of Enrico Caruso, Sarah Bernhardt and Dame Nellie Melba and later on a random trawl through their lists reveals the presence of such performers as Tito Gobbi, the Amadeus String Quartet, Itzhak Perlman, Sviatoslav Richter and Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau.

The CD may now be the best-selling instrument of musical record but even recent technological developments allowing the listener to follow the score on a computer screen do not seem to have halted an unexpected revival in the LP's fortunes.

Somehow, the much-loved old friend refuses quite to die as many purists revert to vinyl for a more atmospheric sound, despite the accompanying clicks and bumps from surface scratches.

Even younger listeners, disappointed with the cleaner, more clinical sound quality of the CD, are discovering the LP for the first time. *AFP*

Australia finds answer to refugee crisis

CHRISTMAS ISLAND, Australia—Australia yesterday ended a week-long refugee crisis by clinching a deal with New Zealand and Nauru to take in hundreds of asylum seekers stranded on a Norwegian cargo ship in the Indian Ocean.

Under intense international pressure, Australia managed to patch together a diplomatic solution to resolve a six-day stalemate over the fate of the mainly Afghan boat people whom Australia and Indonesia have flatly refused to accept.

The deal—a face-saver for Australian Prime Minister John Howard ahead of a tough year-end election—involves New Zealand taking in 150 of the 433 asylum seekers and Australia bankrolling the cash-strapped Pacific island of Nauru to take the rest.

"I am announcing today that we have reached agreement with the governments of New Zealand and Nauru for processing of the people rescued by the MV Tampa," Howard told a news conference in Sydney.

Howard, who has received strong public support for his tough stance against illegal immigrants, said the asylum seekers' claims for refugee status would be processed in New Zealand and the tiny island of Nauru which is just 21 sq. km.

He said the boatpeople, who were rescued from a sinking Indonesian ferry, would not set foot on Australian soil, but would be shipped by a third country to the newly-found safe havens in coming days.

The Norwegian vessel will not take the boatpeople to New Zealand or Nauru but rather will transfer them to a ship from a non-Australian country at sea, probably not far from its present position.

"Those found to be genuine refugees in New Zealand would remain there," Howard said, adding those found to be refugees in Nauru could apply to come to Australia or other countries. *Reuters*

Palestinian assassinated by Israelis, report says

GAZA CITY—Palestinian intelligence officer Tayssir Khattab was assassinated by Israel yesterday morning when a bomb exploded in his car as he drove to his office here, a Palestinian security source said.

He was seriously wounded in the explosion and died of his injuries shortly afterward.

His bodyguard was badly wounded in the blast, and a passerby was also hurt.

A 42-year-old lieutenant colonel, Khattab belonged to the Palestinian intelligence services headed by Amin al-Hindi, and was in charge of training.

When contacted by AFP, the Israeli Army refused to comment on the incident.

"Israeli occupation forces carried out an ugly crime today (Saturday), an assassination against Lieut. Col. Tayssir Khattab, by putting a bomb in his car," a spokesperson for the Palestinian intelligence service said.

"We hold Israel responsible for this bloody escalation perpetrated by Israeli intelligence and their collaborators," the spokesperson added.

The "Palestinian investigation into the circumstances of this assassination is still underway."

Khattab's death brought to 760 the number of people killed since the start of the Palestinian uprising last September, including 582 Palestinians and 156 Israelis.

The Israeli Army has assassinated more than 50 Palestinian activists deemed a threat to Israel.

On Monday, the Army assassinated Abu Ali Mustafa, the leader of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, in its highest-level hit since the intifada erupted, and the first of a political leader. *AFP*

A PALESTINIAN boy jumps over a teargas canister during clashes of Palestinian protesters with Israeli soldiers near Rachel's tomb in the West Bank town of Bethlehem. REUTERS

AIDS drug-maker yields to Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO—Brazil withdrew its threat to ignore patents and start making a generic version of a powerful AIDS drug Friday after a Swiss pharmaceutical giant promised to slash prices by 40 percent.

Health Minister Jose Serra, who last week pledged to start making the drug Nelfinavir at Brazil's state-owned Far-Manguinhos laboratory, announced a last-minute agreement had been reached with the drug's manufacturer, Roche group of Switzerland.

The Swiss pharmaceutical giant had agreed to reduce the price of Nelfinavir in Brazil by 40 percent, to $0.64 per unit, Serra said, adding, "With the deal, it's cheaper to buy from Roche than to produce the drug."

"We are pleased that after lengthy negotiations we have reached this agreement with the minister of Health which is acceptable for both parties," said Ernest Egli, president of Roche Brazil.

A statement from Roche headquarters said the agreement would secure "the supply of the much needed AIDS medication during 2002 at substantially reduced prices for Brazilians treated within the government program."

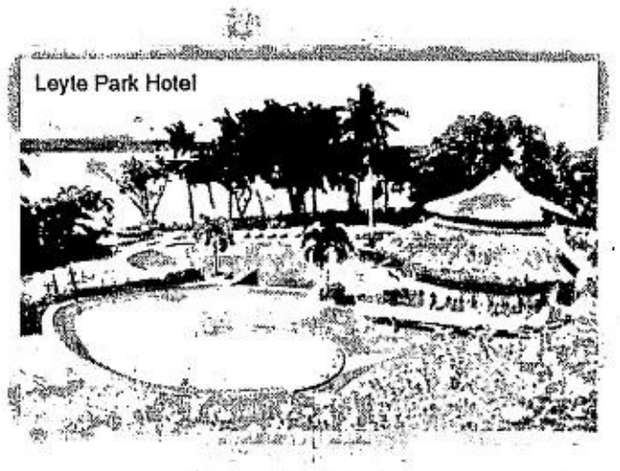
It said it that in addition it would start local production of the drug in Brazil early next year.

"The shift to local production of Viracept by Roche in Brazil is made possible by the volume of the tender purchase agreed with the Brazilian government," the company said.

Brazil, which has won international praise for slashing AIDS deaths with a free treatment program, stands to save some $35.4 million a year with Roche's reduction, the Health Ministry said.

Nelfinavir, sold here under the trade name Viracept, is part of the free "cocktail" of AIDS drugs that Brazil last year offered to some 90,000 patients. *AP*

Enchanting Leyte/Samar Tour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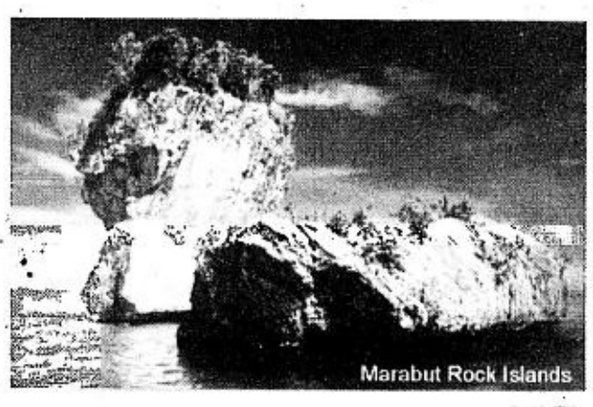
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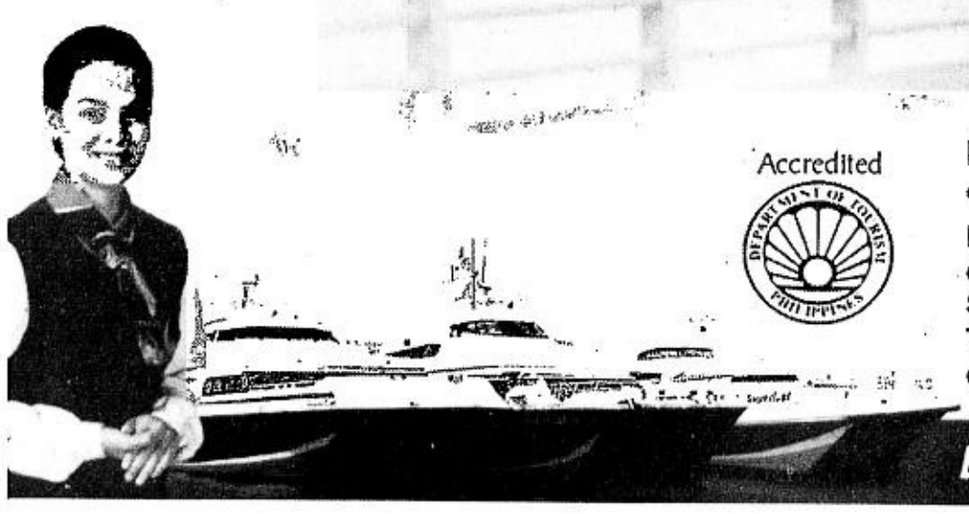

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FORECAST: The Eastern section of Visayas and Bicol Region will have cloudy skies with widespread rains. The rest of the country will be mostly cloudy with scattered rainshowers and thunderstorms.

SOURCE: PAGASA

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Gov's offer to host Abu trial draws criticisms

BY ALEX PAL
PDI Visayas Bureau

DUMAGUETE CITY—Siquijor residents and concerned citizens are urging their governor to recall his offer to hold the hearings of the cases involving suspected Abu Sayyaf leaders and members on the island of Siquijor.

Msgr. Julito Cortes, vicar general of the Diocese of Dumaguete and a native of Siquijor, described the offer of Gov. Orlando Fua Sr. as "an unreflected, unconsulted and stupid proposition with utter disregard for the welfare and safety of his people."

Cortes, 46, said he was concerned with the safety of his family on the island especially when the trial of the bandits is transferred to Siquijor.

Lawyer Marlon Ontal, a Manila-based native of Siquijor, called the INQUIRER by long distance, saying many Siquijor natives had sent him messages to express strong opposition to Fua's offer after reading about it in the INQUIRER.

Ontal said the province does not have the capability to handle the contingencies and complications that may result from the hearing of the cases.

"How could Governor Fua contain the Abu Sayyaf group with 150 policemen when the group has not been neutralized in Basilan despite the presence of five battalions of the Philippine Army?" he asked.

He also refuted Fua's arguments that the possibility of an Abu Sayyaf attack on Siquijor could only come from Labason, Zamboanga del Norte or Iligan City.

Ontal said the bandit group could easily go to neighboring provinces and take hostages to prevent attacks from government troopers.

He said the governor was also wrong when he claimed that only the rich people would be taken hostage by the Abu Sayyaf.

"It is a known fact that the Abu Sayyaf has held hostage ordinary folk in Palawan and Basilan to shield them from pursuing government troops," Ontal said.

On Fua's claim that Siquijor residents may even end up befriending the bandits due to their friendly nature, Ontal said Siquijor natives only do so to guests and friends who come to visit the beautiful island and not to those who sow terror and wreak havoc to the country.

Lawyer Gibson Araula Jr., a one-time resident of the island, also refuted Fua's claim, saying even big provinces like Cebu and Negros Oriental that have better facilities than Siquijor even opposed the idea.

He said he feared that any security problem that will happen in Siquijor will affect the neighboring provinces like Negros Oriental, Cebu and Bohol.

Fua earlier offered his province as a venue for the trial of cases involving Abu Sayyaf members "in the interest of justice" because "you cannot just execute (the Abu Sayyaf) without any trial."

He claimed that his offer had the support of the five town mayors of his province and the provincial police director.

But Negros Oriental Rep. Emilio Macias II had belittled Fua's offer as "a big joke," adding that the Siquijor governor should have consulted his constituents before announcing the offer.

ROUNDUP

Cops nab teenage killer

BACOLOD CITY—Police arrested a 15-year-old boy on Aug. 29 for killing his friend over a joke. The teenager was arrested in Sitio Cabagtasan, Barangay Codcod, San Carlos City, about 144 kilometers east of this city. Police investigators said the suspect got mad when he woke up midnight of Aug. 29 to find himself without his shorts and brief. Supt. Ricardo de la Paz, San Carlos City police chief, said the teenager immediately went to the sleeping quarters of a friend, Crispulo Manila, and stabbed him repeatedly with a bladed weapon. His friend died on the spot.

Carla Gomez, PDI Visayas Bureau

Rapist draws 40 years

BACOLOD CITY—The Regional Trial Court sentenced to 40 years in prison a resident of Talisay City for raping an eight-year-old in 1992. RTC Judge Gorgonio Ybañez found Felomino Magbanua guilty of statutory rape on Aug. 29. Magbanua was earlier convicted of acts of lasciviousness for molesting a five-year-old sister of his victim. Court records showed that the five-year-old girl told her father that Magbanua gave her money and brought her to a sugarcane field where he took off her clothes. When the older sister heard about this, she told her parents that Magbanua did the same to her in 1992 when she was eight. Magbanua claimed that the girls' father concocted the accusations to get back at him. The court, however, did not give credence to his denial.

Carla Gomez, PDI Visayas Bureau

Militants invade farm, uproot Bt-corn crops

GENERAL SANTOS CITY—Some 500 members of militant organizations entered a 1,700 square meter lot where a multinational firm is testing genetically modified Bt-corn and uprooted the experimental crops.

The militants entered a farm of the Monsanto Philippines in Tampakan, South Cotabato to uproot Bt-corn as a form of protest against the testing of the genetically modified crop.

Greg Altares, spokesperson of the Kilusang Magbubukid ng Pilipinas for Far South Mindanao, told the INQUIRER that uprooting the Bt-corn plants in Monsanto's experimental lot in Barangay Maltana, Tampakan was never planned.

"It was a spontaneous reaction (on the side of) the farmers, after seeing that the experiment was done in an open field," Altares said.

Prior to the uprooting, the farmers led by the KMP, Masipag and Bayan held a protest rally in Koronadal City where they criticized the government for allowing the testing of the genetically-altered crops in the province.

After the rally, the groups proceeded to Maltana in Tampakan to visit the field-testing site.

A guard and a policeman tasked to secure the field-testing lot were apparently surprised when the farmers came in and trampled upon the field, according to Altares.

The guard and the policeman did not put up any resistance.

"They just stayed put and looked on as the farmers started pulling out the plants," he said.

Altares said the experimental lot was enclosed only by a cyclone-wire fence contrary to the guidelines set by the National Committee on Bio-safety of the Philippines (NCBP).

He said that under the guidelines, experimental lots must be isolated and properly enclosed with at least 10-foot high fences made up of synthetic cloth to prevent cross-pollination.

As this developed, Monsanto claimed that the uprooting was an "act of lawlessness" on the part of the protesters.

The multinational seed company, in a press statement furnished the INQUIRER, disputed allegations that it has violated safety rules with regards to the conduct of field experiments for Bt-corn.

"The mob which undertook this destructive activity has effectively prevented scientific research from, ironically, answering questions that the opponents of genetically modified crops are raising."

Monsanto said it was considering the filing of charges against the group.

"The company is considering legal action against the perpetrators of this act of aggression against Monsanto and the Filipino farmers."

However, Altares said they are more than willing to face the consequences of their action.

"They (farmers) have no other intention except to protect (the) people's health and (the) environment," he said.

Aquiles Zonio, PDI Mindanao Bureau

Philippine Association for the Study of Overweight and Obesity
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7th Annual Convention

OBESITY: A Triad of Genetics, Behavior and Environment
September 7, 2001, 8 AM to 5:30 PM
Dusit Hotel, Makati City

MESSAGES

GREETINGS. We again celebrate the Obesity Prevention and Awareness Week – heralded by the Fitness Walk in Sunday, September 2 and culminated by the Annual Convention of the Philippine Association for the Study of Overweight and Obesity (PASOO) on Friday, September 7. The first event will be held at the Fort Bonifacio grounds, while the final activity will have the Dusit Hotel in Makati as its venue.

Obesity must be seriously recognized as what it is – a chronic disease. Failure to do so could hamper and defeat our efforts to curb our nation's most prevalent and costly medical problems – type 2 diabetes mellitus, hypertension, coronary artery disease, disorders of cholesterol and triglyceride metabolism, certain cancers of the reproductive system and the digestive tract, pulmonary diseases, and many more. For indeed, obesity engenders other chronic diseases.

Obesity is a world problem – developing nations are most affected, as we have the least means to cope with the disease. Thus, prevention is a better option for disease control. PASOO encourages everyone to participate in this week's celebration and to practice the message of weight control for a healthier population.

AUGUSTO D. LITONJUA, MD
President

OBESITY is the greatest 21st century public health challenge according to the WHO International Obesity Task Force. It is a global epidemic with a very high prevalence in the developed countries and is increasing in developing countries. It is currently considered as an independent risk for future arteriosclerosis (hardening of the blood vessel walls). Obesity in combination with high blood pressure and diabetis increases the risk of developing an enlarged heart that can lead to heart failure and death. Obesity then is a problem that must be controlled and prevented.

This year, on the occasion of 7th annual convention on Sept. 7, 2001 at the Dusit Hotel, Makati, the Philippines Association for the Study of Overweight and Obesity (PASOO) will discuss obesity as a problem of genetics, behavior and environment. Experts in the field of obesity, both foreign and local, will give us the latest findings and insights on this issue.

On behalf of the officers and board of directors of PASOO, I would like to invite you to a day-long well-balanced dissertation on the development of obesity, from real life to the remaining years of life.

Obesity prevented or controlled will certainly contribute to a healthy and wholesome quality of life. Just like smoking and hypertension management, Obesity management requires the help and support of every family members. Let's all work together and make it a Family Affair to prevent obesity from becoming a national epidemic.

RAMON F. ABARQUEZ, MD
Chair, Scientific Committee

ON behalf of the Philippine Association for the Study of Overweight and Obesity (PASOO), I wish to extend my warmest greetings to the guest and participants of our yearly Fitness Walk on September 2, 2001 at the Fort Bonifacio Grounds, Taguig, Metro Manila.

The holding of this yearly fun and fit activity with this year's theme "Walking Towards a Healthy Nation" launches the celebration of Obesity Awareness and Prevention Week. This event aims to increase public interest on the importance of physical activity in weight management.

Any regular and sustained physical activity is the key to any weight loss and weight management program. Weight loss occurs only when you burn more calories than you consume.

All over again, my gratitude to the participants, PASOO guests, company sponsors and donors who one way or the other help in making our Fitness Walk 2001 an opportunity to attain a more healthy and physically fit Philippines.

Thank you for participating in our Fitness Walk 2001. See you again next year.

SANIROSE S. ORBETA, MS, RD, FADA
Chair—Fitness Walk 2001

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PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES

7:30-8:30 P.M.: Registration/ Opening of Exhibits

8:30-10 A.M.: Opening Plenary Session

National Anthem

Invocation by Celeste C. Tanchoco, MPH, RND

Welcome Remarks by Augusto D. Lintonjua, MD, President of PASOO

Introduction of the Guest Speaker by Ramon F. Abarquez, MD, Chairman of Scientific Sessions

KEYNOTE LECTURE
"Obesity: A Genetic Misfortune A Behavioral Gamble in a Tempting Environment"
James O. Hill, Ph. D.
University of Colorado Health Sciences Center

10:00-10:30 A.M.: Coffee Break and Visit to Booths

SYMPOSIUM I

10:30-11:00: "Obesity: From Whence Art Thou?" Genetic and Developmental Roots of Obesity by Mary Anne Lim-Abrahan, MD, University of the Philippines, Section Chief, Endocrinology

11:00-11:45: Panel Discussion; Genetecist Eva Maria Cutiongco, MD, FCCMG / Obstetrician, Zayda Gamilla, MD / Endocrinologist, Susan Padilla, MD / Dietician, Celeste C. Tanchoco MPH, RND

11:45-12:00: Open Forum; Rosa Allyn G. Sy, MD, Moderator

12:00-2:00 P.M.: Lunch Break / Lunch Symposium / **"Managing Weight in the Real World: The Xenical Experience"** by James O. Hill, Ph. D.

SYMPOSIUM II

2:00-2:30: "Obesity: Not the Way to Grow" Obesity in Childhood and Adolescence by Anna Jacob, MS, RD, Associate Director of Scientific Program, International Life Sciences Institute Southeast Asia

2:30-3:15: Panel Discussion / Pediatrician, Jean J. Poblete, MD / Child Psychiatrist, Myrielle Cruz, MD / Endrocrinologist, Carmelita Domingo, MD / Responsible Parent, Ms. Cory Quirino

3:15-3:30: Open Forum, Josefino A. Regalado, MD, Moderator

SYMPOSIUM III

3:30-4:00: "Better Late than Never" Obesity in Adulthood and the Elderly by Dr. James O. Hill, Ph. D.

4:00-4:45: Panel Discussion / Endocrinologist, Jane C. Gaston / Gerontologist, Shelley Ann F. dela Vega, MD / Exercise Physiologist, Nino Sinco, MSS, ATC / Dietician, Sanirose S. Orbeta, MS, RD, FADA

4:45-5:00: Open Forum, Rodolfo F. Florentino, MD, Moderator

5:00-5:15: Synthesis Lessons Learned by Ramon F. Abarquez, MD

5:15-5:30: Closing Remarks by Sanirose S. Orbeta, MS, RD, FADA

EDGARDO L. TOLENTINO, MD
Master of Ceremonies

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Ex-cop tagged mastermind in boy's kidnapping

CEBU CITY—A fugitive ex-policeman has been tagged as the mastermind in the kidnapping of an 11-year-old son of a Chinese-Filipino businessman in July.

Former PO3 Engelberto Durano was identified by Oster Repollo as the one who planned and financed the kidnapping of Ryan James Yu on July 23.

Repollo, 38, of Tagum City, Davao del Norte, admitted that he was part of the group that snatched Yu in Peace Valley Subdivision in Barangay Lahug while the boy was walking on his way to school.

He was arrested Sunday night at Valencia town, Bukidnon after a brief shootout with arresting policemen led by Supt. Jonathan Miano, head of the Regional Intelligence and Investigation Division.

Escape

Repollo said he, Durano and Jack Ramos were in the house, planning and preparing for their escape to Indonesia through Mindanao, when the policemen arrived. Durano and Ramos escaped during the exchange of gunfire, he added.

Durano is wanted for murder after a 16-year-old witness tagged him as the one who shot dead pedicab driver Rogelio Bacalso in Barangay Busay in December last year.

He is also facing a frustrated murder charge for allegedly attempting to have the witness to the pedicab driver's murder killed early this year.

Repollo said Ramos introduced Durano to him as Keven Lopez in July in Tagum City. Durano had asked Repollo to go with him to Cebu to help him transport a video *karera* machine.

They arrived in Cebu on July 15 and went directly to a rented safe house in Peace Valley, a few kilometers from the Yu residence.

Repollo said he came to know of the plan to kidnap Yu on July 20. He said there were eight of them, including Durano, who were involved in the abduction.

In his affidavit, Repollo said he was one of the three persons who snatched the boy on July 23.

Role

He said he held Joel Bation, the househelp who accompanied the boy to school, while the two others brought the boy to a motorcycle.

Repollo said they transferred the boy to a waiting car in Barangay Sudlon. They proceeded to an apartment in BC Homes in Barangay Lahug where Durano was waiting for them, he said.

He said Durano did not stay long in the apartment and left a few minutes later.

Repollo said he decided to go back to Tagum on that night after realizing what he had done.

Durano, he said, got in touch with him on July 25 to ask him to receive the P1.5 million in ransom at the Davao International Airport.

He added that he and Durano just stayed a few meters from the area where the payoff was to take place.

The payoff did not proceed as planned. Earlier that day, Yu's keepers abandoned the boy after noticing a police stakeout near the apartment.

The boy was able to untie himself and tried to go out of the house. A pedicab driver saw him and immediately tipped off the police.

The policemen went to the apartment and rescued the boy. The parents continued the negotiations and a payoff was set at the Davao International Airport.

Undercover policemen later arrested five men who received the ransom. Roberto Galope, 48; Jovencio Camado, 30; Edgar Manimog, 26 and Efren Hernandez, 39 and his brother Henry, 33, are now facing kidnapping charges in court.

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Group dupes Iloilo folk with Marcos wealth tale

BY MA. DIOSA LABISTE
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ILOILO CITY—A local chapter of a Manila-based foundation, headed by a man who claims to be the illegitimate son of the late dictator Ferdinand Marcos, was accused of bilking several residents here.

In a letter to Gov. Niel Tupas, Juanita Soloveres said East West AAA Foundation Inc., founded by Alvin Alvincent Almirante, has been recruiting members, promising each of them a P50,000 loan from the "money of the Marcoses kept in Swiss banks."

Almirante, the chair of the foundation, is being introduced here as the "illegitimate son" of the late dictator.

Soloveres, in her letter, quoted Triple A executive vice president for finance Azucena Veloso as telling them that a "Mafia in Switzerland," which keeps the ill-gotten wealth of the Marcoses, will release the money through the foundation if it comes up with 100,000 members.

"Since the recruitment period has been going on for almost two years, it is unbelievable that Triple A had not came up with 100,000 members in Western Visayas," wrote Soloveres.

Upon receipt of Soloveres' letter dated Aug. 22, Tupas wrote Supt. Arturo Evangelista of the Criminal Investigation and Detection Group (CIDG) to look into the operation of the foundation.

Tupas told Evangelista to appraise him of the CIDG's actions to "protect poor residents from swindling syndicates."

Zenaida Opong, Triple A regional treasurer, said the foundation is not giving out loans yet.

"We have to wait for the go signal from our chairman.

We don't know when the loans will be released," she said, adding that the names of the members are entered in a computer-based list to be sent to Manila.

Opong denied that the foundation's money will come from the ill-gotten wealth of the Marcoses. "It is payment from war damage from Japan and donations from other nations," she said.

Part of the funds, she added, will go to the government.

Nelida Mequila, a staff member of Triple A, said the foundation has 100,000 members in Western Visayas.

But, she added, Almirante instructed them that their membership base should reach at least 40 percent of the country's population or about 28 million Filipinos.

Each recruit is made to pay P30 as membership fee and P25 for an orientation and livelihood seminar.

Of the P30, P10 is for ID cards. The recruiter gets P10 and the other P10 is for the maintenance of Triple A's regional office at Mandurriao, Iloilo City.

"The membership fee is a pittance. Members even admit that they lose more in gambling," said Opong.

She said they heard stories that some persons used the name of the foundation to solicit funds.

The *modus operandi* of Triple A has been a source of numerous complaints from many Ilonggos but nothing has been done by authorities to stop it.

'Jueteng' men fold up in 16 Ilocos towns

LAOAG CITY—Feeling the heat from anti-jueteng sectors, operators of the illegal numbers game have reportedly folded up in 16 of 23 Ilocos Norte towns, including this city.

The move was apparently meant to preempt the supposed arrival of a task force sent by the Department of Interior and Local Government to check on the resurgence of jueteng in Ilocos Norte.

Board Member Pacifico Velasco said members of the DILG's Task Force Jericho arrived here last week to check on rampant jueteng operations that started immediately after the May 14 elections.

"They came on board four vehicles last week. They worked on their own," he said.

Velasco, who had openly denounced policemen and mayors for their inability to stop jueteng, personally brought the problem to Interior Secretary Jose Lina Jr. for him to take action against the illegal numbers game.

However, Velasco could not say what agency the task force coordinated with when it implemented the jueteng crackdown in the province.

The local DILG office was also unaware whether the task force had already been fielded.

"We have informed Secretary Lina about the presence of jueteng. He told us to coordinate with the mayors to solve the problem," Jose Martin, DILG provincial office chief, said.

But whether or not the task force had indeed been scouring the province, reports of their presence have forced operators to suspend their province-wide operations, reports said.

Based on the DILG jueteng monitoring from Aug. 11 to 23, 16 towns have reportedly ceased jueteng operations.

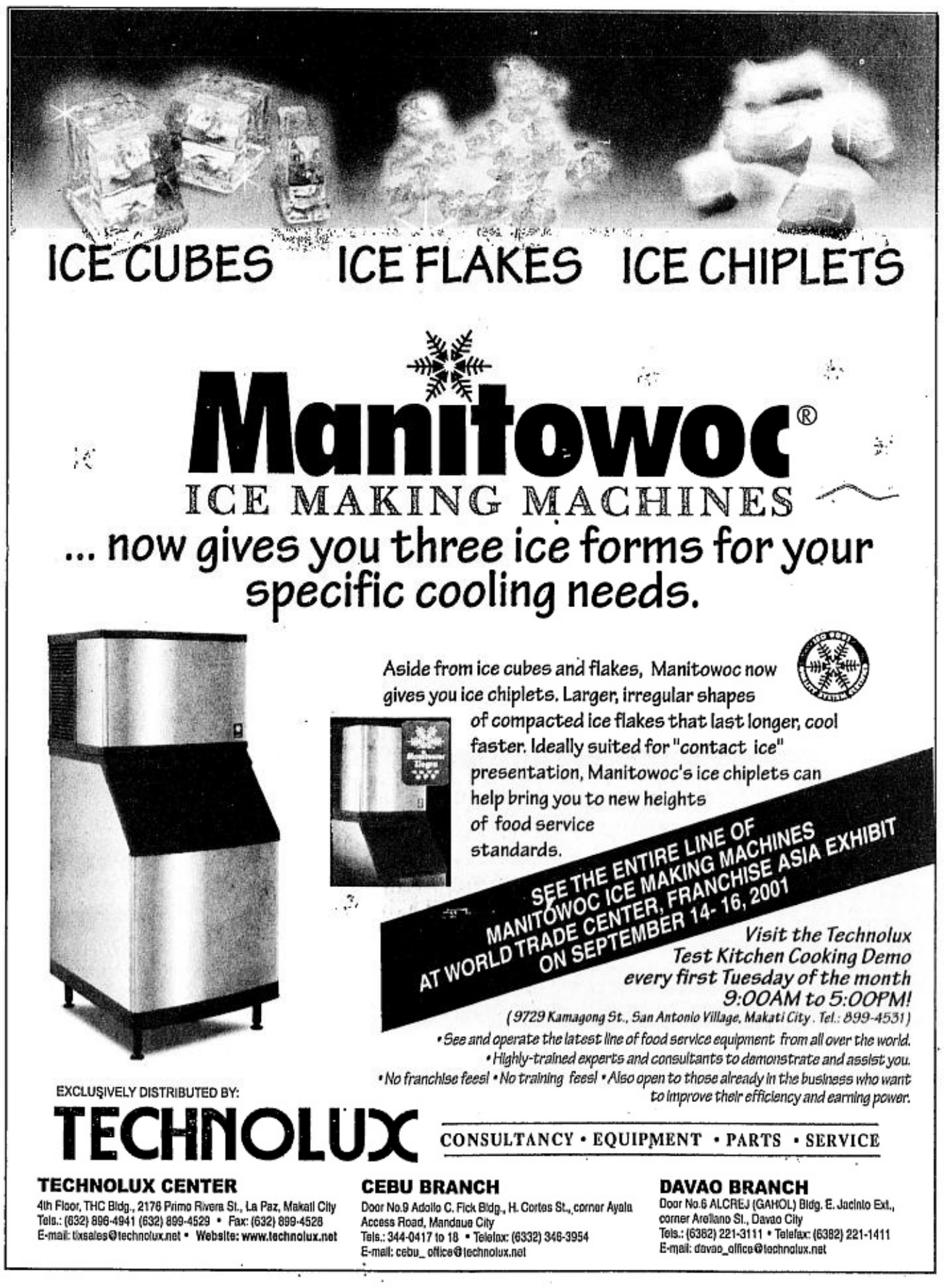
The Roman Catholic Church also called on Ilocos Norte Gov. Ferdinand Marcos Jr. and Laoag City Mayor Roger Fariñas to curb jueteng.

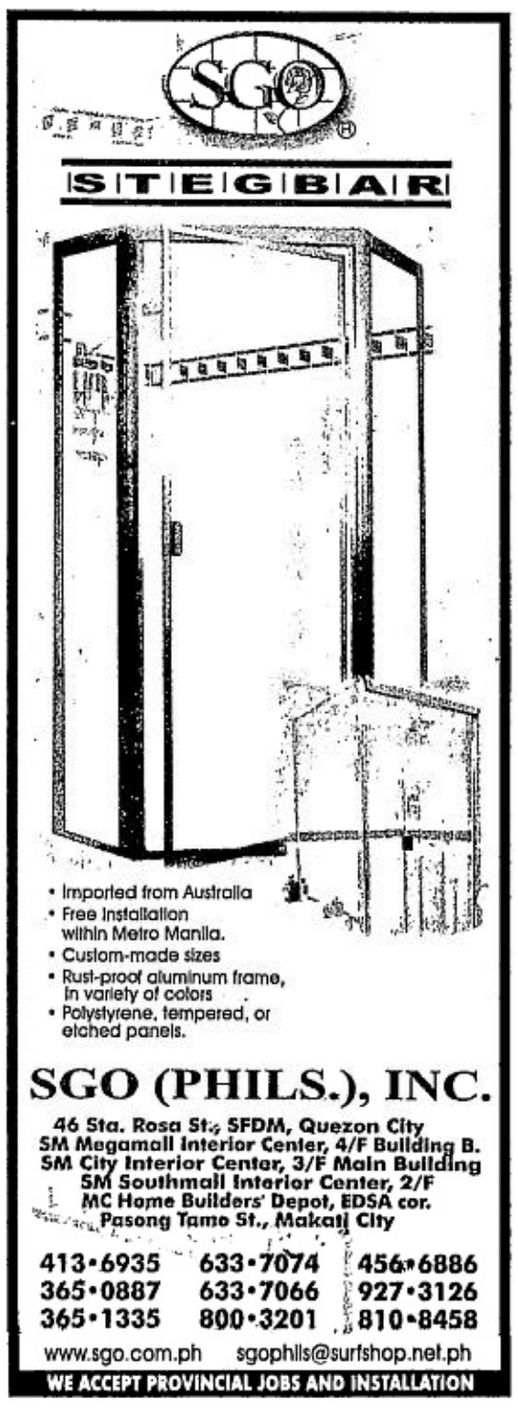
Laoag Bishop Ernesto Salgado, in a strongly worded letter to the two officials, said he saw jueteng agents collect bets in several communities.

Citing his anti-illegal gambling stance even while he was assigned in Baguio City, Salgado said "jueteng breeds corruption that even police officers are bent to be taken in by jueteng operators."

"The poor and the children are also victims. Instead of attending to their basic needs, they prefer enjoying jueteng operations," he said.

Cristina Arzadon, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau





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AFP suffers credibility problem

BY CARLOS H. CONDE

IN THURSDAY'S House hearing on the alleged connivance between the Abu Sayyaf and some elements of the military, Reghis Romero II could not hide his frustration. The committee on national defense had summoned the millionaire contractor and he left Congress feeling a bit enraged.

"It's so frustrating," Romero retorted when asked by reporters how it was to be subjected to more than six hours of intense questioning.

"What we're fighting here is the Abu Sayyaf, not the hostages. But it seems we are the ones being investigated," he said.

Days before Romero got exasperated, Brig. Gen. Romeo Dominguez, former commanding officer of the First Infantry Division, told reporters: "It is my word as a soldier against that of a priest." And in the Philippines, he added, "a priest would not tell a lie and a soldier would not tell the truth."

Clearly, the military is suffering from a serious credibility problem. This, coupled with the sheer inability of the AFP to explain satisfactorily why the Abu Sayyaf bandits were able to "escape" the diocesan compound in Lamitan, Basilan, on June 2, is the reason why more and more people tend to believe the allegation of connivance leveled against Dominguez and other military officers by Lamitan parish priest Cirilo Nacorda and many of his parishioners.

> Brig. Gen. Romeo Dominguez, former commanding officer of the First Infantry Division, told reporters: "It is my word as a soldier against that of a priest." And in the Philippines, he added, "a priest would not tell a lie and a soldier would not tell the truth."

Disbelief

"I just couldn't believe how the Abu Sayyaf could have escaped. Either the military was so stupid or they were bought," says Nong Nani, a taxi driver in Davao City.

Sen. Aquilino Pimentel Jr., a Mindanaoan, recently told a discussion group on the Internet: "I will take his (Father Nacorda's) word against any self-serving official of the government."

Fr. Eliseo Mercado Jr., OMI, a leading Mindanao peace advocate based in Cotabato City, also said: "Father Nacorda's claim that there is collusion between the Abu Sayyaf and some elements of the AFP is also the claim of the many peoples in Mindanao."

It did not help that, days before Father Nacorda came out with his allegation, two generals had asked him not to reveal what he knew. "Do not entertain the media. Do not talk to them. You are hurting us," Father Nacorda quoted one of the generals as telling him.

The priest told the general: "I am a Christian. We are taught to speak the truth and to stand for the truth. I am a priest. I am supposed to be a model of the Christian community."

To Prof. Benito Lim, who teaches East Asian studies at the University of the Philippines and an acknowledged expert on security concerns in Southeast Asia, nothing about the allegation is surprising. "I am not surprised," he says.

Tales of Collusion

Indeed, the public, least of all the military, should not be surprised that some people—credible people, may we point out—have come out to accuse some military officers of colluding with the Abu Sayyaf. It's not as though this is the first time something like this happened.

In any of the several conflict areas in Mindanao, people tell tales of collusion. During the war between the Moro National Liberation Front and the government, reporters covering the conflict had told of instances when troops would "consult" with the rebels before firing away.

But one of the most definitive accounts of this collusion between the military and the Abu Sayyaf was in the book "Under the Crescent Moon: Rebellion in Mindanao" by veteran journalists Marites Danguilan-Vitug and Glenda Gloria.

The Abu Sayyaf was founded by Abdurajak Janjalani, the brother of present leader Khaddafy Janjalani, as part of the revival of Islamic fundamentalism in Southern Philippines. But the book says its wave of terror, mainly through kidnapping and banditry, started when Edwin Angeles, one of Abdurajak's trusted men, betrayed the group. It turned out that Angeles was a police informant who, the book says, may have tipped off the authorities on Janjalani, who was killed by government men in 1998. Interestingly, Angeles had gotten very close to Khaddafy.

A crazy guy

"Many observed that it was only when Angeles came into the picture that the Abu Sayyaf turned to banditry and kidnapping," Vitug and Gloria wrote. They also quoted Melham Alam, a friend of Abdurajak's who led a group of MNLF renegades at that time, as saying, "I was advising him (Abdurajak) against Angeles. He never listened."

After Abdurajak's death, the police and the Department of the Interior and Local Government under then Secretary Rafael Alunan III used Angeles more often in the government's anti-terrorist campaign. The PNP intelligence used Angeles throughout 1995.

Maj. Gen. Benjamin Libarnes, former chief of the Intelligence Service of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (ISAFP) told the authors: "He's a crazy guy who deals only for the sake of money. I don't know why they (the PNP) used him."

Vitug and Gloria provided an explanation for that puzzle: "The man knew the ins and outs of the Abu Sayyaf and the dynamics within the Muslim armed movement in general. Though dangerous, Angeles appeared to be of some use to the PNP at the time, so the gods played with him."

In the book, Chief Supt. Rodolfo "Boogie" Mendoza of the PNP said that he received orders to handle Angeles. "I had the impression he was also being handled by somebody higher."

"Under the Crescent Moon" also alleges that Angeles and the Abu Sayyaf were used by the Marines in Basilan.

"A senior Army general assigned to Basilan says the Marines on the island used Angeles to the hilt, believing that propping up the Abu Sayyaf through him would neutralize the MNLF in the province and in the whole Western Mindanao," the book says.

The MNLF was convinced, according to the book, that the Abu Sayyaf enjoyed the support of the military. An MNLF commander told the two authors that, one time, his group called the Abu Sayyaf to help them repulse the Marines who had raided an MNLF camp in Kapawayan, Isabela. The Abu Sayyaf did respond but "they just made their presence felt and no single shot was fired from (the Abu Sayyaf)."

The MNLF commander said he was shocked when Angeles radioed the Marines "to clarify to them that the encounter was not with the Abu Sayyaf but with the MNLF." The commander said he was so enraged he nearly shot Angeles right there and then.

Suspicious military

According to the book, even AFP officials had grown suspicious of the military's involvement with the bandits, especially because of the Abu Sayyaf's successful evasion of troops during operations.

"How can a band of criminals with no military training to speak of withstand the full might of the armed forces, slip through the troop cordon and conduct kidnapping right under the very noses of government troops?" asked Lt. Col. Ricardo Morales in a 1994 article for a journal. "Something is terribly wrong with our Armed Forces," he added.

Army Capt. Rene Jarque, who has since retired from the service, was convinced that the Abu Sayyaf's ability to evade military operations "for too long on a tiny island lends credence to reports that military units have been ordered to halt operations when the Abu Sayyaf head, Janjalani, (was) already within reach."

The book points out that, in 1995, military officers would wonder why the Abu Sayyaf "knew when they were going to be attacked, and Janjalani was always able to escape even a very tight dragnet."

Hard to believe?

To National Security Adviser Roilo Golez, however, the charge that the military colluded with the Abu Sayyaf is simply too hard to believe. "These are very professional soldiers," he said.

"It's hard to imagine how the soldiers could even have the time to collude. If there are lapses, that we can accept but to say that they were in cahoots is another thing," Golez says.

Then he adds: "The Philippine military does not have a history of selling out. We have a long history of gallantry."

But Joel Virador, secretary general of the human rights group Karapatan in Davao City, refutes Golez's assertion. He says the military is now reaping the fruits of its alleged collusion with the Abu Sayyaf.

"It has a very serious credibility problem. No one believes the AFP and the police anymore. To make matters worse, our authorities are also being accused of involvement in drugs and other criminal activities. They should give us one reason why we should believe them in denying their involvement with the Abu Sayyaf," Virador said.

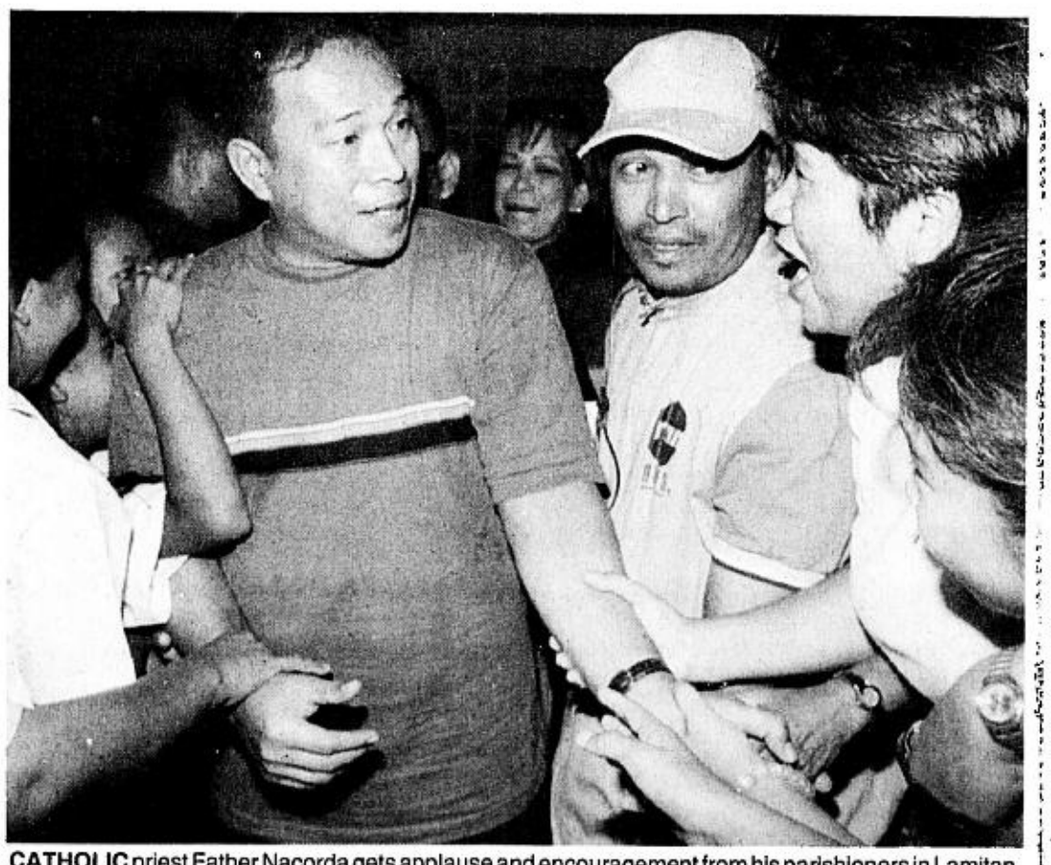
It would take a long, long while for the AFP to regain its credibility, Virador said. "Bear in mind that the AFP never got out of the mold, out of the morass that Marcos created. It never recovered its dignity and credibility since martial law."

Evelyn Carias, executive director of the Moro women's group Khadidja, likewise believes that the AFP has a serious credibility problem that is the product of its own abuses. "The human rights abuses in Moro areas, the intensified militarization of Moro communities, the all-out war by Estrada, these have tarnished the image and credibility of the AFP. The allegation of collusion, therefore, is not surprising," Carias said.

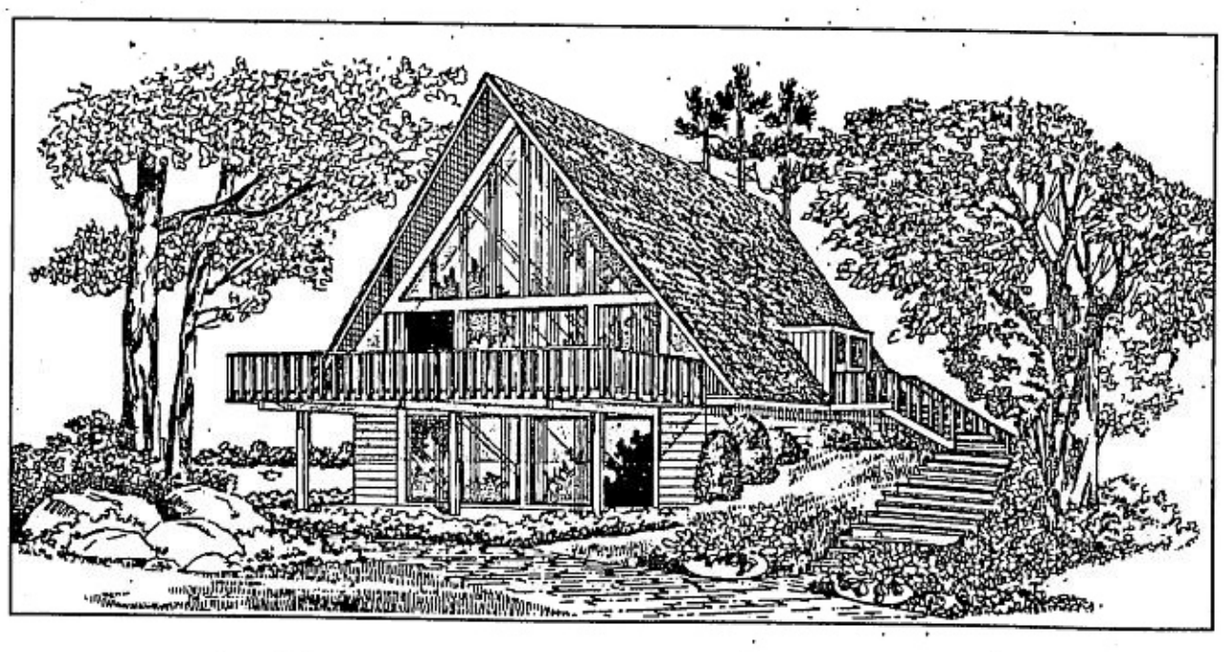
Carias added that it should now be incumbent upon Congress to investigate the earlier activities of the Abu Sayyaf and their possible involvement with the military.

"This collusion has apparently been going on for sometime. Nobody dared to check that abuse and now they have become so daring. Thankfully, there is a Father Nacorda who dared to speak out," she said.

FOUR senators try to convince Fr. Cirilo Nacorda, center, to show his witnesses for the Senate hearing on the alleged military-Abu Sayyaf collusion. CHARLIE SACEDA



CATHOLIC priest Father Nacorda gets applause and encouragement from his parishioners in Lamitan, Basilan, during a recent Senate Committee hearing. CHARLIE SACEDA



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Thank you, Father Popong

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"Much as we would have loved to bring him back home, Rufus wanted to be buried in Mindanao, his home," said another brother, Gerry Halley, 56, with tears in his eyes.

At the funeral Mass, some wore white shirts printed with the words "Justice for Father Popong." Banners with similar slogans also were carried on vehicles outside.

"After 20 years of labor in war-torn Mindanao, this is the result," Dela Peña, director of the Columban fathers of the Marawi Prelature, said in his homily at the Mass.

As the parish priest of the minority Christians in Malabang, Halley had promoted Muslim-Christian dialogue in both his town and nearby Balabagan.

Prayers for killers

Dela Peña also asked the crowd to "pray for the killers of Father Halley that they would realize they murdered an innocent man who was only longing for peace."

"I also ask our people here to pray for the killers of my brother," Gerry said, sobbing, in a eulogy.

Another of the priest's brothers, John, 48, was less conciliatory, saying in an interview: "What we want here is justice for my brother. We call on the government to immediately find a solution to his murder."

A message from Pope John Paul II, read at the funeral, offered his "heartfelt condolences" to the missionary's family.

The Pontiff said he was confident that Halley's memory "will inspire those whom he served from a greater fidelity to Christ and more intense commitment to the cause of peace."

He also described the Irishman as a man who tried to mend cultural differences among Christians and Muslims in war-torn areas in Mindanao.

'One of us'

One Muslim woman, school principal Connie Balindong, wept during the funeral rites, saying she wanted quick action by the government to catch the killers.

"Popong has become one of us. As a foreigner he even speaks Maranaw more fluently than other Maranaws. Popong shared our problems as a member of the community," she said.

"He was a wonderful human being, a person with a great sense of humor, with a great love for the people," said Fr. Donald Hogan, a classmate and townmate of Halley in Waterford, Ireland.

Halley's brothers said they never thought that Rufus' visit to their Waterford in June would be his last.

Brother Eammon said the news of his death came as a shock to an unbelieving family.

Gerry said the Halley family was grateful to all those who welcomed and took care of Fr. Popong in two decades as a missionary in Mindanao.

"How the entire family wished to come here and honor our beloved Rufus, especially the children who were close to him, to thank all of you, but we could not afford to," Gerry said.

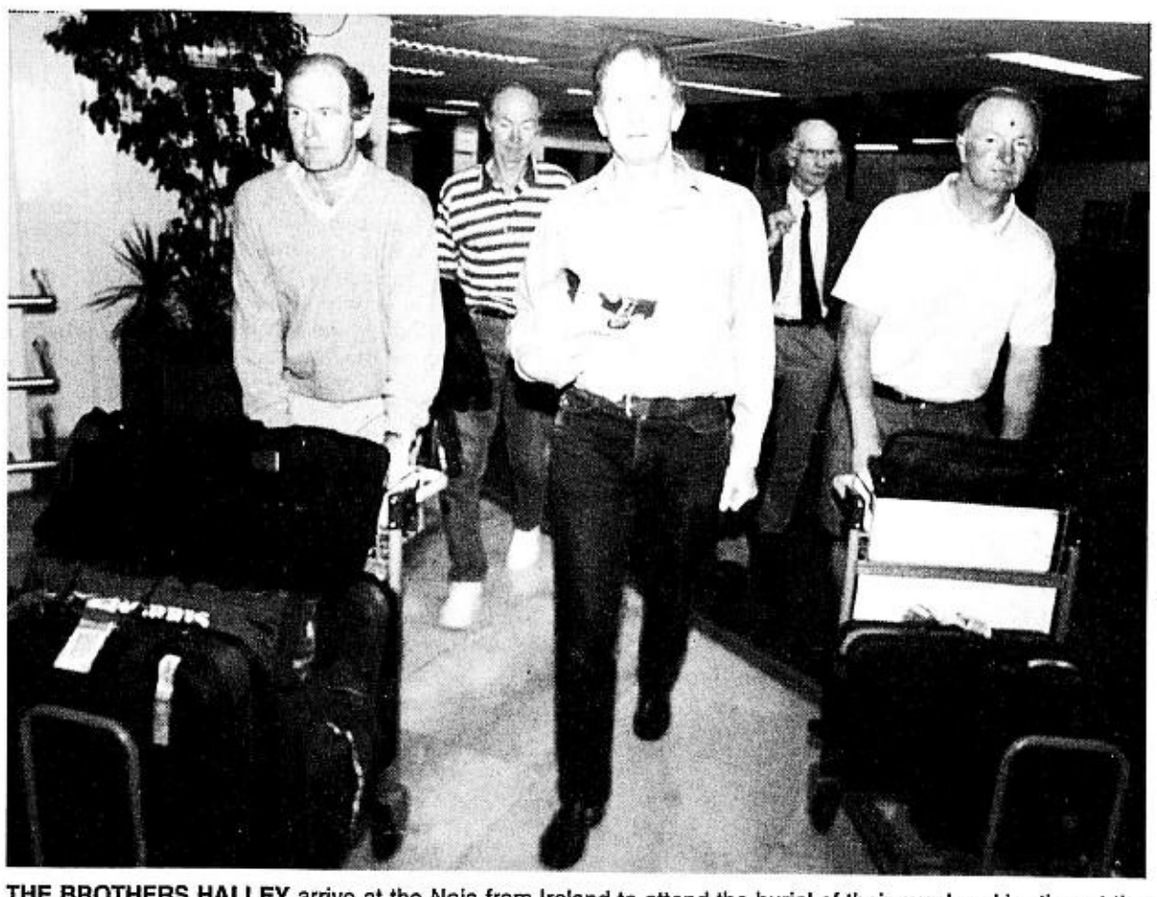
On Friday, hundreds lined Malabang's streets to watch his cortege leave for Cagayan de Oro, 200 kilometers away. Many tossed flowers at his funeral car.

Gerry thanked those who attended the service and said there was also large support for the slain priest in his hometown for his work to promote inter-religious dialogue in Mindanao.

"We, in Ireland, also have the same problem like you here in Mindanao," he said.

Driving home

Halley was driving his motorcycle home from Balabagan to his parish at the Our Lady of Peace church late Tuesday when gunmen in ski masks aboard a truck blocked his path near the remote village of Diamaro.



THE BROTHERS HALLEY arrive at the Naia from Ireland to attend the burial of their murdered brother at the Columban cemetery in Cagayan de Oro City. ROGER MARGALLO

The gunmen tried to drag Halley into the truck but he managed to kick one who fell to the ground. As he tried to run away, he was shot by one of the attackers, Sumagayang Daing, police said, quoting a suspect who surrendered on Thursday.

Daing, described by the military as the son of a ranking Moro rebel commander, allegedly shot the priest four more times when he was down on the ground. One of the bullets shattered Halley's skull, a witness said.

The suspect, Abdulsamad Ibrahim, said the gunmen claimed to be MILF members and paid him to drive the truck.

MILF spokesperson Eid Kabalu has denied the claim.

The government recently signed a ceasefire with the secessionist group in order to pave the way for a peace accord, and police say they cannot arrest the suspects because of the truce.

Speakers at Halley's services gingerly avoided mentioning the suspicions that the MILF was shielding the suspects.

Kabalu reiterated in a television interview that his group was not involved in the incident and that the suspects were not MILF members.

Halley had been a vocal critic of the military offensive launched against the MILF last year by then President Joseph Estrada.

During the offensive, the priest had refused to say Mass at a military camp, provoking angry criticism from the officers.

'Emerging pattern'

"We are distressed that there is an emerging pattern of liquidation of missionaries in Mindanao," said Sister Mary Antonietta Go of the Sisters Association in Mindanao.

She said unseen hands could be trying to widen the "cultural divide and prevent the healing of wounds between Muslims and Christians in Mindanao."

Italian Catholic missionary Fr. Peter Geremia of the Diocese of Kidapawan said, "it seems that the violence in Mindanao appears similar to or patterned after the violence in Basilan province." Bishop Zacarias Jimenez of the Diocese of Pagadian City said he hoped that something good would come out of Fr. Popong's death. "The blood shed by Fr. Halley, hopefully, will nurture the seeds of what he has started," the bishop said. ***With reports from Ellen P. Red, PDI Mindanao Bureau; AP and AFP***

Maggie, Dajed get help from strangers

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marked by beatings from her father whenever he came home drunk.

With the foundation taking care of her tuition and other school expenses, she can enroll in an office management course next month, most likely at the STI Quezon Avenue branch which is nearest her home in Barangay Talayan.

Unbelievable

Maggie, a co-founder of the Green and Purple Sanctuary-Bahay K Inc. in San Francisco del Monte, Quezon City, almost could not believe it when STI-Flite called Aug. 8 asking for her background.

She faxed her resume and 1993 transcript of records from the Tampi High School in San Jose, Negros Oriental. On Aug. 14 she got another call from the foundation, this time congratulating her.

"The children (under my care) clipped the article about me and pasted it on their bedroom wall. And now this," she said, beaming, when the INQUIRER saw her again Thursday at the STI's main office in Makati City.

"This is big help not only for me. Whatever I will learn will go a long way in further organizing and improving our services (at Green and Purple)," said Maggie, who worked as a barangay hall secretary before going full-time as a volunteer child counselor.

"What she has been doing to help others will have a greater multiplier effect if she can finish the course," said STI-Flite executive director Sahlee Camposano.

"The article said she had to quit her studies in computers because of the high tuition. That's why STI become interested in her," said Malou Espina, STI assistant vice president for public affairs, who phoned the INQUIRER to locate Maggie.

Dalie Adiao-Garcia, Maggie's coworker, said that after the article came out, "more people approached us to offer help. At least three more children were referred to us, all victims of rape, two of incest."

A group of Makati-based businessmen has invited Maggie to give an "inspirational talk." Students of the University of the Philippines' College of Education have also asked her to share her "life story" this month.

Amazing

It was the Internet that rekindled hope in the Montojos for their 2-year-old daughter Darelle Jed (or Dajed), who was born with a rare heart ailment.

"It's amazing how you can find such caring people out there," a teary-eyed Jennifer told the INQUIRER. "The advantages of the Internet are not something that we Filipinos have explored, but it can do so much for us."

This e-mail was what the couple had been waiting for: "Is there a telephone number where we can contact you or is it easier to work through e-mail? We will get back to you soon. If it is medically feasible to help Darelle, consider it done. She is in good hands now."

It was sent by Erica Topp—ericaruth4@aol.com—and Jennifer and Marvin burst into tears on reading it on the computer screen.

Dajed is afflicted with tetralogy of fallot with pulmonary valve atresia, a condition for which, according to cardiovascular experts, there is no permanent medical solution in the Philippines.

Her ailment puts her at risk of contracting infections and common diseases that would aggravate her health. She has been in and out of hospital since she was born, and she is hardly allowed out of her air-conditioned room.

Through the Internet, the Montojos literally searched the world for people or foundations that could provide medical help for Dajed.

Jennifer said she had e-mailed the foundations that helped patients whose stories were published in the INQUIRER. But most of them turned her down or asked for "endless" medical requirements.

The e-mail from Topp, executive secretary of the Gift of Life Program based in New York, ended the Montojos' eight-month search.

"We were getting frustrated because everyone was ignoring us," Jennifer says. "This was the last shot, so we were so thankful that finally, somebody out there was taking us seriously. It was the answer to our prayers."

Dajed and her parents will fly to the United States for her Sept. 27 operation at the Montefiore Medical Center in the Bronx in New York. She will get a valve homograft, the best medical option for her abnormal heart.

The expenses, estimated to reach P2 million, will be shouldered by the Rotary Club District 7490, which will also host the Montojos' stay in the home of Andrew Topp, president of the Gift of Life program.

The worldwide program has helped around 200 children with rare ailments that cannot be treated in their own countries.

Surfing

Jennifer had to quit her job as accounting manager in a mall to tend to Dajed.

She could not be bothered with information technology—until it became clear that what her child needed could not be found here.

"I didn't use the Internet before, but I could not understand what the doctors were saying about my daughter's ailment. So I had to do research on my own," she said.

When Dajed was asleep, Jennifer and her sister would take turns surfing the Net in search of treatment for the child's condition, as well as foundations that could extend assistance. They have been hooked up since December last year.

Jennifer sent e-mails to around 10 international foundations championing the rights and welfare of children, but few bothered to respond.

Their hopes flagging, Jennifer's sister came across a story of a Chinese boy who was helped by a medical team in the United States through the efforts of Children's Rights Across the World, a Swedish organization committed to helping children from poor countries.

Jennifer e-mailed action@boes.org. Two days later, on May 6, organization founder Bo Eric Sandberg responded and uploaded Dajed's appeal and medical history on his website.

"With the Internet Lifeline ... one sees ... how we can use the Internet for amazing things. Cooperation and help from people to people, without selfish monetary interest, is the wave of the future," reads a bulletin on boes.org.

Within the week, the Rotary Club District 7940 had taken Dajed into its Gift of Life program.

The Manchester High School Interact Club, which is also under the District 7490, raised the $5,000 to be given to the Montefiore Medical Center—a standard courtesy when the Gift of Life program refers a patient to the hospital.

Blessed

"Dajed is a remarkable kid, and we feel so blessed that people like them are going to help her live a normal life," Jennifer said. "They didn't even ask who we were or where we were from. All they asked for were the medical records so they could help us. Such kindness is just wonderful."

EXTREMELY able disabled, Magdalena Tano, gets a scholarship from Systems Technology Institute (STI) represented in the photo by, from right, Antonio Echevaria Jr. CEO, Malou Espina, assistant VP for public relations and Sahlee Camposano, STI-FLITE executive director. RANDY HORMILLOSA

Kindness was also found here. Soon after Jennifer and Marvin spoke about Dajed's condition in a Christian program aired over radio dzAS, donors offered money, prayers and encouragement. Some were cancer patients or kin of dying patients who wished to help another in need.

Jennifer said one of the most touching gestures came from the I-Sampaguita students of the Trinity High School in Quezon City, whose adviser had heard the Montojos on radio.

The students donated their class fund amounting to P6,000 to the Montojos, and sent inspiring cards and letters to Dajed.

A Christian church from Bulacan sent a coin bank containing P2,000, and the Montojos' church, Bread of Life-Quezon City, raised around P100,000 for Dajed's medication.

NATIVE Kalingans welcome President Macapagal at Tinglaya, Kalinga, where she signed the Integration of the Cordillera People's Liberation Army into the AFP. TOOTS SOBERANO/PDI SOUTHERN LUZON BUREAU

Dick wows tourists

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nationals against traveling to some parts of the Philippines.

"Wow" may be a throwback to the hippie '70s but trust the glib Gordon to give the cool expression of his youth fresh meaning, especially since his department has yet to realize his dream P750-million promotions budget for tourism.

So what's "wow" now?

"There are many meanings, each referring to what a particular destination has to offer our foreign visitors," Gordon told the INQUIRER.

For instance, he said, "wow" could mean "welcome of warriors."

This bold take "obviously plays to the international notoriety of the Abu Sayyaf," he admitted. But not quite: It "refers to the Moriones Festival in Antique, the Ati-atihan in Baguio, and similar warrior festivals around the country," he said.

"It will show the world that while we have problems in a couple of our islands, we are still a happy and hospitable people in general," Gordon said. "They would love to pay our islands a visit and enjoy our various festivals."

And the man is just getting started.

What about "warm in winter," which he plans to splash on posters for display in Nordic countries like Sweden?

"Imagine a poster of a tourist lying lazily in a hammock on a beach like Boracay in the winter months, which are just about to come in," Gordon said. "They would love to be warm and at the same time have fun in winter."

There's more where that's coming from:

- "Watch our whales" (a promotion of the whale sharks in the Bicol region).
- "Watch our wonders" (ecotourism spots).
- "Wild over wheels" (colorful jeepneys).
- "Watch or wonder" (shopping destinations).

"Wow" posters and multi-media advertisements are being readied for the campaign launch sometime this month.

Party packages

The Department of Tourism is also promoting group tourism packages for major cities such as Manila, Cebu and Davao, Gordon said.

Naturally, excitement is the thing, which is why the packages are dubbed "Party in Manila," "Let's boogie in Cebu," and "Be wowed in Davao."

"Foreign tourists can have party packages in Malate or Intramuros and the other night destinations in the other cities," Gordon said, adding:

"The Malaysians particularly love these."

The DOT has adopted a "hubs and spokes" strategy for tourism development, under which major international gateways serve as the hubs, or the center of airline activities, to which are connected the spokes, or the outlying destinations that can be reached by other means of transport.

This strategy of attracting international travelers is fast gaining ground abroad, Gordon said.

He also said foreign airlines were increasing their flights to the country.

Gordon cited JAS, a Japanese charter airline, as the latest among the DOT's airline allies.

He said it had committed to bring in five more flights from Osaka and pledged to put out promotional articles on the Philippines in Japanese airline publications.

Ateneo, UST repulse rivals

GAMES TODAY (Loyola Gym)
2 p.m.—Adamson vs UE
4 p.m.—NU vs La Salle

ATENEO bucked the absence of coach Joe Lipa and slotman Enrico Villanueva to whip skidding Far Eastern University, 85-72, even as University of Santo Tomas nipped University of the Philippines, 58-56, yesterday in the UAAP men's basketball championship at the Araneta Coliseum.

Paul Tan Chi played his finest game, scoring 18 points as he combined with Rainier Sison in giving the Blue Eagles their ninth win against two losses.

Earlier, Emerson Oreta and Derick Hubalde shone as University of Santo Tomas improved its record to 5-6, the same mark as UE. *Dennis U. Eroa*

MBA GAMES

LBC picked over Marlins

GAMES TODAY (Tinga Gym, Taguig)
3:00 p.m.—Cebuana Lhuillier vs Nueva Ecija
5:30 p.m.—LBC Batangas vs Socsargen

BY ROY LUARCA

LBC Batangas and Nueva Ecija are expected to tread different routes in their bid to keep the lead in the MBA Second Phase today.

The Batangas Blades should be headed for a cruise against the Socsargen Marlins in the 5:30 p.m. game, while the Nueva Ecija Patriots seem headed for a rough ride against the Cebuana Lhuillier Gems at the Tinga gym in Taguig.

This projection is based on the roster of the Blades and Patriots as well as their performances in the inaugurals on Friday.

The Blades bested the FedEx Laguna Lakers, 95-80, while the Patriots had to scramble past the Marlins, 71-63, in the turnover-filled opener.

Southeast Asian Games-bound Romel Adducul, Eddie Laure and Peter Martin along with Alex Compton, Ralph Rivera, Chucho Serrano and Jeffrey Sanders will again carry the load for the Blades, who are bidding to improve on their semifinals stint in the First Conference.

The Marlins, who finished last in the same conference, showed no improvement against the Patriots and if they play the same way then they're bound to suffer their second straight setback.

The Patriots, now being handled by coach Arlene Rodriguez, were far from impressive that time and prevailed only because the Marlins scored a tournament record low of four points in the fourth quarter.

Despite the absence of Fil-Am Matt Mitchel, who hasn't returned since leaving in a huff in the First Phase semifinals, the Gems remain formidable with SEA Games-bound Stephen Padilla and Homer Se at the helm. Other reliable Gems are Peter Naron, Al Solis and Roy Lura.

2 sports to boost RP tally

THE RETURN of two events considered as Philippine gold mines—fencing and wushu—and the big promise displayed by the boxing, taekwondo and billiards and snookers bets in training are expected to energize the country's bid in the coming Southeast Asian Games in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Assessing the local chances barely a week before the Games blast off in three Malaysian cities, Philippine Sports Commission chair Carlos "Butch" Tuason said that the country's hopes of figuring well in the medal race will depend on the performance of the country's bets in the said disciplines.

Fencing and wushu–which have been top medal producers in the past SEAG meets–were not included in the calendar when the biennial competitions were held two years ago in the sultanate of Brunei.

Age-group tennis set

THE COUNTRY'S best age-groupers are expected to see action in the 2001 Philippine Columbian Association Juniors Tennis Championships slated Sept. 22 to Nov. 4 at the PCA courts in Plaza Dilao, Paco, Manila.

Tournament director Raul Saberon said the competition will follow the division format which is used in the US and Europe. There will be five divisions in the boys' and girls' singles category and two in the doubles. The schedule are Division 5 (Sept. 22-23), Division 4 (Sept. 28-30), Division 3 (Oct. 5-7), Division (Oct. 12-14) and Division 1 (Oct. 19-21).

'Moto' series

ANOTHER tight battle among the country's top riders is expected when the National Motocross Super Series 2001: A Race of WG&A resumes today at the Eastborough Place in Angono, Rizal.

Defending champion Glen Aguilar of Caltex-KTM and Guam invitational motocross champion Ernie Leongson and seven-time winner Jovie Saulog of Shell-Yamaha renew their rivalry in the pro open and pro 125 categories in this annual series organized by Hartebeest Entertainment Corp. and sponsored by WG&A, PLOT, Smart, Bench, Norkis-Yamaha, Access Plus, Dreambikes Superstore, Transtainer System, Agua Vida and Seagull Glassworks.

Subic G. Prix

THE PETRON Grand Prix comes to a fitting end today at the Subic International Raceway with Ferdinand Ong of Rota-Speedwelle Outlast Battery, Monching Gutierrez and Carlos Anton of Gulf Oil-MP Turbo and Menchie Francisco of SRA seeking the overall title in their respective categories.

Ong is heavily favored to wrap up the title in the Blaze super saloon category against a star-studded field which include Kookie Ramirez of Petron-SRA, Nilo Pazcoguin of Caltex-Tom's Asia, Mike Potenciano of Gulf Oil-MP Turbo and Benedict de la Cruz of Rota-Speedwelle-Outlast.

Peñalosa trains hardest for last hurrah

BY AL S. MENDOZA

GERRY Peñalosa has done 60 rounds of sparring against men heavier than him in almost three months of workouts. In 22 days, Peñalosa will gun for his second world crown against Masamori Tokuyama, the reigning World Boxing Council superflyweight champion.

He needs 30 more rounds of sparring before he climbs the ring on Sept. 24 in Tokyo for his appointment with, hopefully, destiny.

"He gives away at least five pounds to every sparring mate that he faces," said lawyer Rudy Salud, Peñalosa's manager. "Maybe more. Heavier spar mates will absorb lesser pain than spar mates his weight."

Still, Peñalosa is close to running out of spar mates.

"Gerry's punches have become stronger and stronger," said Salud, the former PBA commissioner. "In fact, his brother, Irving, now complains of pain while he holds up the hand mitts against Gerry after only two rounds. Irving used to last four rounds."

Dr. Orbeta's diet

It must be Peñalosa's carbohydrate-heavy diet, which was instituted in 2000 by Dr. Sanirose Orbeta. Orbeta restructured Peñalosa's diet after Gerry's failed attempt to recapture the superflyweight title last Jan. 2, 2000, in Seoul against Korean In Joo Cho. In that fight, Gerry had complained of leg heaviness and slowed hand speed.

"We discovered after we went to Dr. Orbeta upon arrival from Seoul that the culprit was Gerry's high-protein diet just before the fight," said Salud, recalling the steak dinner after Gerry had made the weight limit on the eve of the fight.

Just four months after Orbeta's new diet for Peñalosa, Gerry came back to the ring and knocked out Muangsuarin Morakot of Thailand in the sixth round in May 2000.

Six months later, in November 2000, Peñalosa won by knockout again, this time against Ratanapol Sor Vorapin—also in the sixth.

Months before the Vorapin fight, Joe Koizumi, the famous Japanese promoter, called Salud and warned: "Don't fight Vorapin. He's a KO artist."

Vorapin had 27 KOs in 38 wins against Peñalosa's then 25 KOs in 39 victories.

Another six months after that, on May 5, 2000, Peñalosa was back atop the ring. This time, his punching power was more pronounced: It took him just virtually one punch to send his foe to dreamland.

"*Nasapul ko po talaga*," said Peñalosa, reminiscing yesterday his shortest knockout win ever at the newly constructed, state-of-the-art boxing gym of Edgardo "Boy" Cantada in nearby Bicutan.

Peñalosa's third straight kayoe victim, all scored in a span of barely a year, was a guy named Keiji Yamaguchi, the former world champion who lost on points to In Joo Cho for the WBC superflyweight title.

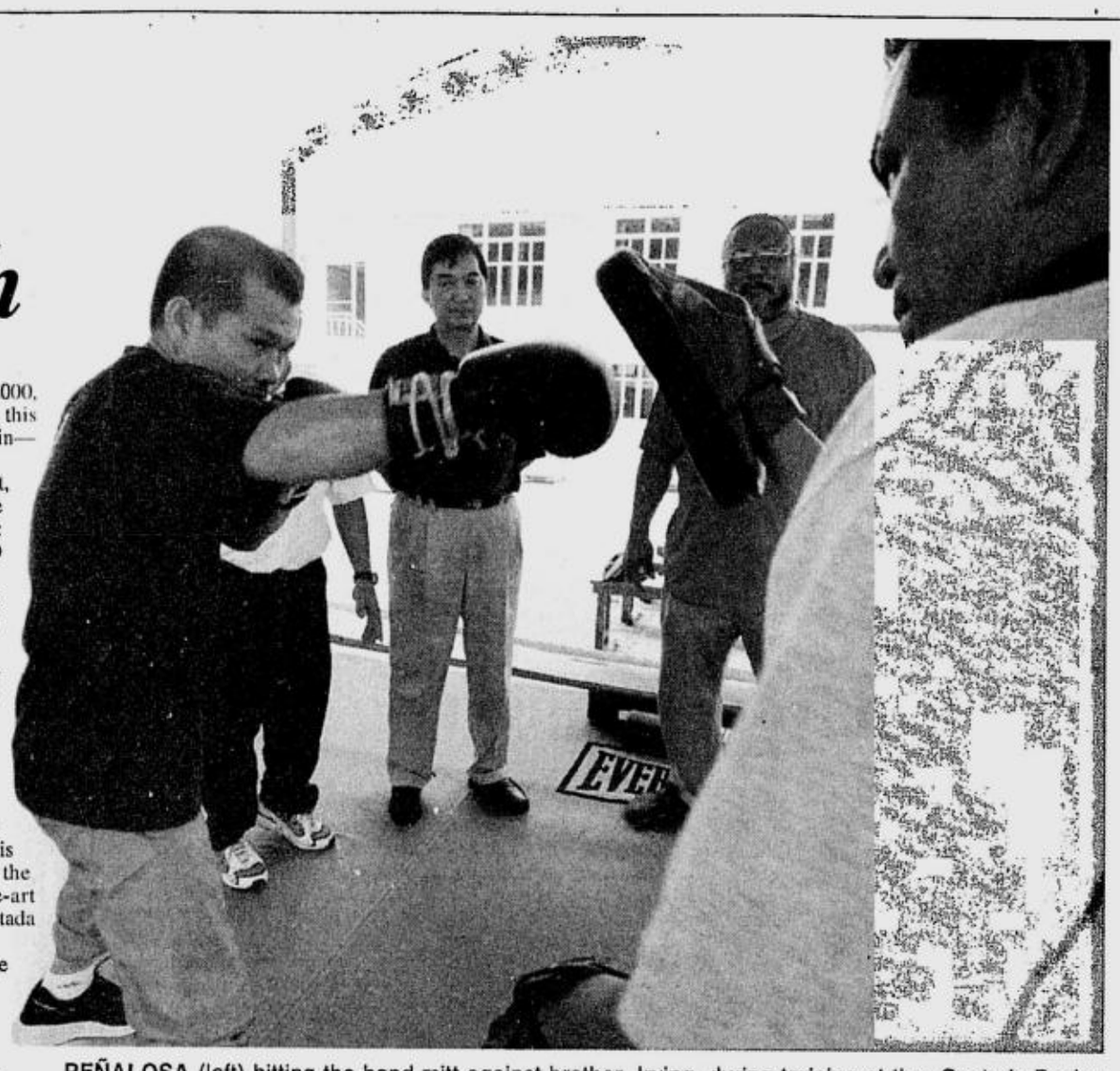
Mean straight

While Peñalosa knocked out Morakot with combinations and Vorapin with a right cross, the San Carlos City-born (Negros) fighter used a left straight in knocking Yamaguchi out. The left to the jaw came after two successive jabs.

"The knockout punch was so strong that from where I sat in the back rows, I heard Yamaguchi's crashing thud to the floor," said Salud.

Peñalosa knows that more than the task of maintaining his knockout streak intact is the gargantuan job of unseating Tokuyama, a Japan-born North Korean.

"He has a mean right straight," noted Salud, finally unlocking the champion's main weapon in response to a query by Hermie Rivera. "That right straight flattened his first two opponents who were trying to wrest his crown."



PEÑALOSA (left) hitting the hand mitt against brother, Irving, during training at the Cantada Boxing Center in Bicutan. The boxer's manager Rudy Salud and Boy Cantada (second from right) look on. Partly hidden is trainer Dodie Boy Peñalosa. JESS YUSON

First was In Joo Cho himself. Tokuyama knocked him out in the eighth with that right straight, the same punch that had floored the Korean twice in their first title fight also won by Tokuyama.

Next to fall was Akihiko Nago.

"But after that right straight, Tokuyama has nothing left to show," said Salud. "He lacks variety whereas our Gerry has an arsenal of shots."

Salud has bought five tapes showing Tokuyama's best fights.

"I watch the tapes regularly," said Peñalosa in Tagalog. "I have never been this busy watching my opponent's style."

Peñalosa, who is 40-3-1 (win-loss-draw) with 27 knockouts, mentioned Tokuyama's three-inch advantage in height over him.

"But my last three foes were almost as tall as him," he said of Tokuyama, a blonde 5-foot-7. "I seem to perform well against much taller opponents."

Last hurrah

Prior to Peñalosa's two defeats to In Joo Choo in 1998 and 2000, Gerry's only other setback was inflicted by Samuel Duran in 1992 for the Philippine bantamweight crown. All three were lost on points.

Peñalosa's lone draw came against Mexican Luna Zarate due to an accidental head butt to Gerry's eyebrow in that infamous 1998 fight wherein the ring collapsed with then President Ramos atop the roped arena.

Yesterday, during a break in training, Salud put his arm on Peñalosa's shoulder and said: "This is not only your fight, or our fight. As in all our previous fights, this is, as it will always be, for the country."

For Peñalosa, who sprints around the Rizal oval covering five kilometers every other day, it means more than that.

"This is not only a chance of a lifetime," he said. "I have never trained this hard in my life. This could be my last hurrah. *Hindi na tayo bata, eh.*"

Peñalosa, who was 25 when he first won the world crown by dethroning Japan's Hisoshi Kawashima in Tokyo, is 29.

As far as Salud and his ward are concerned, history repeating itself isn't far-fetched.

"Tokyo then, Tokyo now," said Salud, breaking into a wide grin.

JAPAN MEET

Miñoza assured of ₱2.5M in match play

FILIPINO ace Frankie Miñoza assured himself of at least $50,500 (about P2.5 million) despite losing to Lin Keng Chi of Taiwan in yesterday's semifinals of the Japan Match Play Championship in Tomakomai, Japan.

Boosted by his big upset of top-seed Hidemichi Tanaka on Friday, Miñoza won four holes in the back nine of the Nidom Classic course to pull off a 2 and 1 victory over Colombian buddy Eduardo Herera in the morning quarterfinals.

Returning to the course in the afternoon, Minoza had Lin under control in the first six holes with a two up lead until the Taiwanese went on a rampage.

The Taiwanese reversed the tide of the match by taking the seventh, ninth, 10th and 12th holes to go 2 up. Minoza gave himself a chance by taking the 13th but Lin put him away by winning the 15th and 16th for a 3 and 2 victory.

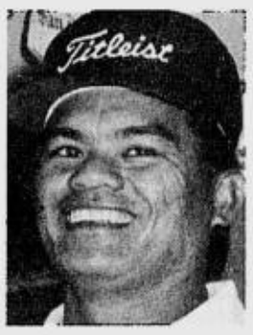
Miñoza still has the chance to win a bigger prize of $75,000 (about P8 million), the pot for third which he will dispute today with Hiroyuki Fujita, who lost to Dean Wilson of the United States via a 4 and 3 decision.

Wilson plays Lin for the $250,000 champion's purse.

Before Miñoza went on a blitz, Herrera was already two up after winning Nos. 6, 8 and 10 against a lone hole (No. 2) won by his Filipino rival.

Meanwhile, in the State Farm Classic of the LPGA, Dorothy Joy Delasin improved to a tie for 49th after a second straight 71 but was far behind Annika Sorenstam of Sweden after the second round on Friday (Saturday in Manila).

Sorenstam fired a 66 for 131 and a three-shot lead over Kate Golden (65-134). Jenny Rosales missed the cut despite a 71-146. *Jong Arcano*



MIÑOZA

Davao hosts Rotary tilt

PARTICIPATION is expected to breach the 300-player mark when the southern leg of the Rotary Golfing Fellowship Foundation (RGFF) tournament is held on Sept. 19-23 at the Rancho Palos Verdes Golf Club in Davao City.

The annual tourney received another major boost with the sponsorship of Taylor Made-Adidas of three Taylor Made Firesole iron sets worth P320,000 which will be raffled off during the awards night on Sept. 22.

Marco Polo is hosting the awards rites as the official hotel. Cebu Pacific recently agreed to serve as the official carrier by giving participants 50 percent discount on air faire.

Casino Filipino-Davao, as announced by PP Sonny Garcia of RC Davao West, will be hosting the welcome cocktail/dinner at the Grand Regal Hotel on Sept. 20 as a show of continuing support to the RGI FP tournament series.

Liang, Ropali beat field

FRIENDS of Eric Liang topped Division I while Ropali ruled Division II during the annual August Fore! Invitational golf tournament recently at the Wack Wack west course.

The Liang team made up of Tommy Tan, Butch Brodett and Marge Tan won over three-man squads from KPMG-Laya Mananghaya and the Rotary Club of Diliman.

The Ropali trio of D. Coscolluela, A. Alingog and B. Alano prevailed over the teams from RCBC and Fil-Anglo in the tourney which was held as an annual project of the Rotary Club of Diliman District 3780 and a tribute to PDG Melito "Bimbo" Salazar Jr.

Portals was the major sponsor. Fil-Anglo, International Exchange Bank, San Miguel Corporation, Nestle Phils., Jollibille Group, The Zuellig Corp., Jimmy Tang, Cathay Steel, Allied Banking Corp., ABN-Amro Bank, UCPB, LG Atkimson and SM Prime Holding are the other sponsors.

Stewards should keep an eye on 'Jaja'

ONE WINNER

Edwin Villanueva

IT'S good to hear that JB Hernandez is riding again soon.

We hope that Unoh, as Hernandez is called, have learned his lesson well after that tainted ride atop Silver Story in the last leg of the Triple Crown and earlier than that the infamous loss by the grey galloper to Sonata on July 1.

Hernandez has already gained legion of fans because of his classy style of riding which observers describe as the best they've seen since the heyday of Bong Guce and Bobok Domingo Jr.

Like Unoh, a lot of equally talented young jockeys have come into the picture. Among them are J.M. "Jaja" Ladiana, L.I. Santos, J.B. Cordero, S.S. Alpasa and C.P. Domingo, to name a few.

Of those mentioned, Ladiana is being touted like Hernandez as the strongest bets to reach the caliber of Guce and Domingo.

But yesterday, something not so nice came in Ladiana's way.

He was on board top favorite T-Square in Race 3 and racing fans, especially the *llamadistas*, frowned by the way he handled the horse.

It lost badly to second favorite Love and Kisses after "sleeping" at the rear for most part of the 1,425-meter race before making a "pakitang tao" at the top of the stretch.

T-Square eventually wound up second to Love and Kisses, who crossed the wire with a five-length margin.

Earlier, my *Silip* Boy and I received text messages that T-Square was out to lose that race or *viaje* in racing lingo.

Three races later, Ladiana was on board another first favorite—Southern Skies. He lost again.

Manila Jockey Club stewards, who are lately been "outperformed" by their Philippine Racing Club counterparts, should keep a close watch on Ladiana.

Kawawa naman ang mga mananaya!

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The buildup for the Open Championship on Sept. 30 is reaching fever pitch.

Hermie Esguerra's Wind Blown, Patrick Uy's Silver Story and Jun Almeda's Sun City, the three gallopers expected to figure prominently in the race, have been flexing their muscles in barrier trials as they gird for the 1,900-meter event offering P1 million to the winner.

But don't let those barriers fool you. The real action comes on race day itself. *Ika nga, doon talaga magkakaalaman!*

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The decision to stop the reopening of jai alai has made the heart of "race-alai" fans (people who both patronize horseracing and jai alai) heavy again.

We commiserate with them but our heart bleeds more to the people whose lives depend mainly on jai alai.

Let's hope everything is settled in this jai alai reopening brouhaha.

RACING TIPS

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Race 2—1. Baby Maxxine 2. Kala Star 3. Ong Bee 4. Like A Prince

Race 3—1. Boogie Shoes 2. Memory Lane 3. Live Show 4. Oh Diva 5. Flying Carpet

Race 4—1. Rose In Bloom 2. Lady Witty 3. Kingair 4. Sham Sham 5. Kiss Em Goodbye

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Race 6—1. Triggerman 2. Lucky Gambit 3. Commandments 4. Snake Dancer 5. Voltes May

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Sunday SPORTS
AL S. MENDOZA, Editor EDWIN M. VILLANUEVA, Assistant Editor

Chess clinic at Supermall

BLITZ and clock-simul are among the various fun games that await the early enrollees of the first series of Milo Checkmate Sunday clinic at the Festival Supermall which starts at 1:30-5 p.m. today at the mall's 4th Level Bridgehall way near Smart. Games will begin at 3 p.m.

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Chequered Flag—Belgium Grand Prix at 10 p.m. on Star Sports

Dayrit boycotts Fiba, wants BAP ban lifted

BY JUNE NAVARRO

LIFT suspension now, solve leadership crisis later.

Philippine Olympic Committee president Celso Dayrit made this appeal yesterday to International Basketball Federation secretary general Borislav Stankovic.

Fiba has set a meeting with basketball officials today, with Fiba's Patrick Baumann presiding in the company of two ABC bigwigs.

But even as the meeting is yet to commence, Lito Puyat, the BAP president recognized by Dayrit and not presidential wannabe Tiny Literal, has sent word he "was not inclined to participate in any meeting—and possibly an election—as it will only be a futile exercise if the Fiba pushes through with it."

He also cited a Court of Appeals ruling affirming the POC's recognition of Puyat as the legitimate BAP president.

"They said they will try to look for other possibilities on how to solve the problem," said Dayrit, who communicated with Stankovic last Friday stating the POC's decision to boycott the meeting.

In his letter, Dayrit urged the lifting of the suspension first and next dealing with the leadership crisis.

(See Spectator column below).

Dayrit pointed out that the suspension should be treated as a separate issue from the leadership crisis.

He also urged Stankovic to lift the suspension to allow the country's dribblers to don the national colors in the Kuala Lumpur Southeast Asian Games on Sept. 8-17.

DAYRIT

PUYAT

LITERAL

"The Fiba will decide today on what move to make whether there would be an arbitration or an election. We will act depending on the outcome of the meeting," Dayrit told the Inquirer.

He said the International Olympic Committee has joined him in his call for Fiba to lift the suspension.

"So we maintain that the Fiba does not have further reason to continue with the suspension of the BAP as the basis for the ban no longer exists because of the CA ruling," Dayrit said.

The meeting is set at 3 p.m. at the Century Park Hotel in Manila with Asian Basketball Confederation president Carl Menky Ching and sec-gen Yeoh Cheoh Hock expected to be in attendance.

Despite Dayrit's pronouncement, the camp of Literal said they would urge the Fiba to conduct the election today.

Puyat's group, however, told Stankovic that they would not participate in the polls since the Court of Appeals had already ruled on the dispute of who is the rightful BAP president.

Mauricio Martelino, Puyat's VP for operations, said the proposed election would be contrary to the decision of the CA granting the POC jurisdiction to settle intra-NSA disputes.

Puyat said the list containing 39 names and positions furnished the Fiba by Literal "is not correct and does not correspond to the BAP statutes."

Puyat also argued that any election would have to conform with the BAP by-laws, which, he said, had been previously approved and recognized by both the Puyat and Literal groups.

Puyat said the specific provision requires a 30-day written notice prior to the election.

NCAA Today (Rizal Memorial Coliseum)

12nn—San Beda vs UPHR (jrs/srs)
3 p.m.—Mapua vs PCU (jrs/srs)

Foreign intervention

SPECTATOR

Al S. Mendoza

AS I was saying, the key is Cito Dayrit. Cito, by his position alone as the country's Olympic boss, holds a kingdom with enormous, if not infinite, powers.

Look, when Cito declared a while back that Lito Puyat is the rightful president of the Basketball Association of the Philippines, the case should have been resolved right there and there. Why Tiny Literal has still managed to spring some surprises that later turned into monstrous proportions as things are turning out to be now boggles the mind. Why the world governing body for basketball that is Fiba has been dragged into the Puyat-Literal dispute "es a puzzlement." But if Cito had stomped his foot forward from the very start, I'm sure things would not have gone this far.

C'mon, Cito, this is not blaming time. This is repairing time. There is still time as late is never late for as long as what is being fixed is worth fixing.

That is why I admired your guts when you finally urged Fiba, through a letter, to lift the BAP suspension while at the same time decided not to participate in the Fiba meeting set for today.

I got hold of Cito's momentous letter to Fiba yesterday. The letter was dated Aug. 31.

"We appeal to you to immediately lift the suspension of the BAP in order for our basketball teams to participate in the forthcoming SEA Games," Cito said in his letter to Borislas Stankovic, the powerful secretary general of the Fiba. "Our request is premised on the fact that the recent ruling of the Philippine Court of Appeals annulling the election of Mr. Literal..."

Wow. That's what I meant when I said you needed to have guts, Cito. By saying that the CA ruling has, in effect, annulled Literal's election as BAP president, you have put into the motion the wheels of the correctness of the law of the land.

To continue that historic line, Cito said, "...and upholding the authority of the POC, the basis for the BAP suspension no longer exists."

In short, the Fiba suspension was occasioned by the leadership dispute between Puyat and Literal. But when the upper court reversed a lower court ruling to the effect that Literal's election was deemed illegal, the Fiba should have immediately lifted the suspension and respected the POC's independence of resolving the country's Olympic affairs. It should have ordered the matter closed.

Further, Puyat's claim to the BAP throne has been fortified when President Macapagal herself said publicly that the order of the courts should be followed.

Thus, Fiba, in its continuing moves to try to settle a dispute that has, alas, no longer exist, smacks of utter ignorance of the flow of events. Sadly, it doesn't speak well of Fiba, a much respected world sports body. Interestingly, Fiba's presence in a meeting it called today may already constitute foreign intervention.

Yes, I agree with Puyat's group. They should boycott today's Fiba-sponsored sham of a meeting to become consistent with Cito's move. Attending the meeting would lend credence to a meeting that should not really happen at all. Cito's right. The meeting's agenda—arbitration—has actually stopped existing following the court ruling of June 20 favoring Puyat's stand. With Cito's call for a boycott and Puyat heeding it, the unity of intentions has been effectively exercised.

That's what I was saying all along.

Django beats Italian

FILIPINO star Francisco Bustamante became the first quarterfinalist at the Ladbrokescasino.com World Pool Masters as he raced past Fabio Petroni to hit the winning line by a margin of 7 racks to 3.

Petroni, the 29-year-old Italian, had earlier won the knockabout Pool Trickshot Masters, and he started out the more confident of the two in the race-to-seven alternate break format. The soft break, which proved so popular under similar conditions at the World Championship in Cardiff, was nowhere to be seen as both players gave it the full force with the break cue.

Commented Bustamante, 37, after the game, "It's good to get the first match out of the way. The short race can be difficult so it was a relief that my break started to really work well as the match progressed. I won this tournament in 1998 and I would love to win it again."

Belgian GP up; Schumi crashes

SPA-FRANCORCHAMPS, Belgium — The world championship may already be his, but when Michael Schumacher comes face-to-face with his favorite stretch of Formula One track, there is no holding him back.

Such is his love for a curve called Eau Rouge at the Belgian Grand Prix that it got the German tangled up in an accident with Spain's Pedro de la Rosa in a spray of water at over 200 kph (140 mph) on a downhill stretch—just getting ready for Sunday's race.

Schumacher was not injured. When the accident happened, Schumacher was accumulating momentum that would push him uphill again, where the track beyond would be invisible at speeds reaching some 300 kph (185 mph), with only majestic pines and threatening skies in full view. *AP*

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■ Relatives of slain newsman assail cover-up attempt A22

METRO

LOUIE C. CAMINO, Editor

Anito motel thieves shoot driver dead

BY JEROME ANING

A DRIVER of the Anito Lodge in Sta. Mesa, Manila was shot dead by five men who robbed the motel early yesterday morning.

Police said the robbers shot to death Pedro Decera, 36, single and a resident also of Sta. Mesa, for refusing to hand over the keys to a motel service car which they wanted to use as a getaway vehicle.

The gunmen were able to get the key to the red Toyota Corolla (PRZ-963) after they shot Decera. They escaped in the Corolla with about P70,000 in cash that they stole from the motel.

The five men, armed with handguns, hit the motel on Valenzuela Street about 6 a.m., said investigator SPO1 David Tuazon of the Western Police District homicide section.

At gunpoint, cashier Alfredo Alhambra, 39, surrendered the motel's earnings for the week. The suspects also took the wallets, personal jewelry and valuables of several employees.

SPO1 Tuazon said the robbers proceeded to the motel parking lot, near the cashier's booth, and ordered Decera to give them the key to the Anito service car.

When Decera refused, one man shot him in the left shoulder. Dacera managed to crawl to a corner of the parking area, where he lost consciousness and bled to death, Tuazon said.

One of the motel valets said one robber searched Decera's pockets and found the car key. The robbers were last seen leaving via Reposo Street.

SPO1 Tuazon's report did not say where the motel's security guards were during the heist.

The Western Police District director, Senior Supt. Nicolas Pasinos Jr., quickly ordered the Sta. Mesa police and WPD mobile patrol and homicide units to track down the stolen car and arrest the thieves.

The Anito was the second motel robbed in Manila this week.

On Wednesday, two armed men held up the Hotel Everwin on San Andres Street in Malate.

Everwin management has not reported to police how much money the robbers took, but a female guest claimed she lost close to P20,000 in cash and valuables during the heist.

Artists call for 5-year tax moratorium

BY PHILIP C. TUBEZA

VALDEZ

INSTEAD of taxing the entertainment industry "to death," the government should grant it a five-year moratorium on amusement taxes, a popular comedienne and singer and entertainers' leader said yesterday.

Mitch Valdez, president of the Organisasyon ng Pilipinong Mang-aawit (OPM), also bucked against the finance department's suggestion to impose the controversial 20-percent withholding tax on entertainers who earn at least P700,000.

Instead, the government should defer the controversial tax policy and issue an amusement tax moratorium, particularly to the movie industry, which is "slowly dying" due to piracy and high taxes, Valdez said during the weekly news forum at the Sulo Hotel in Quezon City.

She said the public perception that entertainers are wallowing in money is unfounded.

"Those (rich artists) you see on television are only a minority in the industry," she said. "The big majority is composed of the small people who work behind the scenes. They are also burdened with heavy taxes."

Boots Anson-Roa, who was also present at the forum, said the film industry had produced only around 60 movies this year when the industry once produced around 150 films annually.

Roa said the finance department's plan to increase the amusement tax on entertainers from 10 to 20 percent would also further burden an already heavily taxed community.

Valdez said even live productions, like plays and concerts, pay a 30-percent amusement tax plus 10-percent value-added tax.

Worse, these taxes are paid even before the tickets to the live shows are sold to the public.

"You cannot get the tickets released if you do not pay the taxes first," Valdez said. "That is why there are no more producers of concerts or plays. We have to seek corporate sponsors."

She said this tax policy is a big burden especially for struggling theater companies and other members of the artistic community.

"And plays or concerts are not like movies," she pointed out. "We have a smaller audience.

ARTISTS/A22

A GOOD TIME is had by wards of the White Cross Children's Home. JOAN BONDOC

Stories and snacks shared with orphans and abandoned kids

BY LEAH SALTERIO

TALES OF THE CITY

RAYMART, Roilan and Roiles are 6-year-old triplets. Two years ago, their mother left them and their younger brother Roel at the White Cross Children's Home in San Juan.

The mother, who is said to have other children to raise, has not visited the boys for nearly a year now. She said she gave them away because she could no longer feed them.

Since then, the triplets and their younger brother have not had to complain of hunger pains. They are also safe and secure in the orphanage, which provides them food, cloth-

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Stories and snacks shared with orphans and abandoned kids

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ing and shelter.

A baby boy got a chance at a normal life after scavengers early this year found him inside a plastic bag in a pile of trash.

Horribly malnourished, the baby was brought back to life after he was turned over to White Cross. He was later christened Mark Jarce.

Hannah was also abandoned by her young mother in a public hospital. Strangely enough, the mother even had the baby's ears pierced before abandoning her.

It was also at White Cross that Hannah found surrogate parents who took care of her.

The White Cross Children's Home is haven for more than 100 abandoned and orphaned children ranging from newborn to 6 years old.

The orphanage is run by the Daughters of Charity, headed by Sister Teresita Montañano.

White Cross operates solely on donations from generous individuals.

Last Sunday, more than 50 wards of White Cross were treated to an afternoon of storytelling, a tour of the Museo Pambata and snacks at Jollibee.

The activity was initiated by broadcast journalist Cristina Peczon to celebrate her 30th birthday.

"Remember how memorable our birthdays were to us as children," Peczon said. "As an adult, I often look back on happy memories as a child, and I'm able to live with ease.

"It is my birthday wish that I would be able to help create happy childhood memories for these special children. I hope to make some of their wishes come true."

Peczon has been a supporter of White Cross for years now. She worked as a volunteer, initially as a pre-school teacher's assistant and nursery ward attendant.

"The children's stories of survival, strength and simple joys have been a source of inspiration for me," she said.

Peczon hopes the children will find proper homes one day.

"But in the meantime, can we not see it in our hearts to help make their lives a little brighter? When times are bad, we often console one another and say, 'Never mind, at least you still have your family and your health.' But what of these helpless children?"

Peczon laments, however, that the adoption process in the Philippines is very slow.

"Before a child is considered ready for adoption, a proper abandonment period is first required to make sure that no living relatives would claim the child," she explained.

For her birthday, Peczon tapped her friends for donations or to act as volunteer chaperones for the children for the day.

Nina Yuson, chair of Museo Pambata, hosted the museum tour for the children and guests.

Peczon also convinced her other friends to act as storytellers for the kids. Her fellow Extraderm endorser, Tintin Bersola, obliged, and even brought boyfriend and fellow broadcaster Julius Babao.

Former CNBC anchor Coco Quisumbing flew in from Singapore to attend the celebration.

Peczon's dad, Dr. Ben Peczon, invited his fellow executives from Unilab to support the activity. The drug manufacturing firm donated several boxes of Dermalin, for skin allergies.

Peczon was overwhelmed by the outpouring of support from friends and companies.

The GMA Foundation, through Rod Cornejo and Me-ann Santos, donated packs of goodies for the children.

The Probe Team gave groceries, Nike donated two dozen pairs of sneakers, Rebisco distributed cup cakes and Mead Johnson gave a one-year supply of powdered milk formula.

Jollibee treated the kids to Chicken Joy and spaghetti, plus its lovable mascots.

Splash Foundation, manufacturers of Extraderm, donated toothpaste, baby powder, soap and cologne, through the generosity of Maurice Ligot and Froilan Pamintuan.

Peczon said the children need medicines for coughs, colds and fever. They also need vitamins, bath towels, face towels, cloth diapers and clothes.

Also needed is an air-conditioning unit for the computer room, to which was donated 20 computers.

"Any donation, no matter how big or small, will be most welcome to White Cross," Peczon said.

"The rewarding experience of making these little ones smile is like no other," she added.

SHARING stories with the children are broadcasters Tintin Bersola and Julius Babao and a friend. JOAN BONDOC

BUSINESSMAN Ardy Abello is such an animated storyteller that he makes the children stand up and cheer. JOAN BONDOC

Relatives of slain newsman denounce cover-up attempt

THE WIFE and a brother of slain newsman Dennis Ramos yesterday denounced what they called an attempt to cover up for "someone" who might have ordered the killing of their relative on Aug. 24 in Barangay Zapote 4 in Bacoor, Cavite.

Irene Ramos and Bubut Ramos lamented "the systematic and orchestrated effort to vilify the victim by accusing him of being an illegal drug peddler and extortionist."

"How could he (Ramos) answer all this now that he is dead," said Irene who gave birth to their fourth child five days before the killing.

The distraught wife appealed to the National Bureau of Investigation to continue its own probe as she expressed doubts over the findings of the Philippine National Police in Cavite which ruled that the slaying was motivated by an old grudge.

Ramos was shot seven times while walking on an alley in Zapote. The suspect was identified as one Benedicto Maliksi Jr., said to be a son of a first cousin of Cavite Gov. Ireneo "Ayong" Maliksi.

A member of the Civilian Security Unit of Cavite, the suspect surrendered to the police and readily admitted the crime, according to the victim's relatives.

Bubut cited his brother's last column in the Aug. 20 Headline where the hard-hitting columnist described the Bacoor police chief as *"inutil"* in the face of the deteriorating peace and order conditions and the worsening illegal activities such as gambling and drug trafficking.

The grieving relatives confided to newsmen what Dennis had been telling them that certain politicians wanted him killed for his critical columns and articles in Boses, a local tabloid, owned by Sammy Gabot who himself received death threats. Gabot reportedly was being stalked by armed men in red and white cars.

On Tuesday, Aug. 21, columnist Ramos had a meeting with former Cavite Gov. Ramon "Bong" Revilla and other newsmen.

Ramos revealed that on Monday night after he wrote his column, four "policemen" came to his house in Barangay Molino "to serve a warrant of arrest" for a libel case.

Sensing there was something irregular in the "lawmen's" conduct, Ramos slipped out of the house through the backdoor.

But on Friday, Ramos' luck ran out. He was felled by seven 9mm bullets.

The gunman was accompanied by three other men who acted as lookouts.

"They didn't leave until they were sure that Dennis was dead," sobbed a witness.

Another witness said the suspects walked casually to a waiting white car.

"He might have touched a sensitive cord in his column and paid dearly with his life," said Jojo Lapus, Ramos' editor in Boses.

Lapus said Ramos was trying to suggest in his last column the existence of an unholy alliance between the lords of illegal activities and some lawmen.

"They won't hesitate to kill as far as their businesses are concerned," added Lapus who claimed he himself received death threats for his critical columns.

Immediately after he conceded defeat in the May 14 elections, Revilla and his family moved out of Cavite to give his opponent peace of mind in "running the show."

Revilla appealed to his supporters to cooperate with the newly elected officials for the sake of the province.

"I hope Cavite will not revert to being the country's murder capital again," he said.

'Preposterous!'

BY ANDREA TRINIDAD-ECHAVEZ

A GROUP of fire fighters yesterday hit the Department of Interior and Local Government for downplaying the number of buildings in Metro Manila found to be violating fire safety requirements.

"What are they (DILG officials) talking about?" asked Alvin Estrada, spokesperson for the United Fire Fighters of the Philippines. "One does not need to be a genius to figure out that there are more than just 54 buildings in Metro Manila which are virtual death traps."

Describing the DILG figure as preposterous, Estrada said most of the dormitories in the University Belt and even those inside the University of the Philippines campus in Diliman are violating the Fire Code.

"Look at the dorms inside UP, say Ipil and Yakal," he said. "By their looks alone, these are apparently firetraps."

Most dormitories were constructed as apartments, but what was supposedly meant to be a dwelling place for eight people was turned into a tenement for 60 to 70 people, Estrada said.

"I dare the DILG to make random visits to business establishments—even on Quezon Avenue alone—and they will see that about 90 percent of the entertainment centers there are firetraps," he said.

He said that while the efforts of Interior Secretary Joey Lina to raise public awareness of fire safety is commendable, the interior department should also vigorously pursue legislative changes to improve the toothless Fire Code of the Philippines.

"Establishment owners take safety for granted because the Fire Code is toothless," Estrada said. "(The code) does not have the power to close down buildings found to have violated fire safety measures."

While the Bureau of Fire Protection, a DILG-attached agency, is supposed to conduct annual inspections on all buildings, many buildings labeled as "firetraps" remain open even after they have been informed of their violations.

Estrada cited the Quezon City Manor Hotel, whose owners had been sent a notice as early as August last year to correct at least seven fire safety violations.

When Manor management failed or refused to comply, the local government of Quezon City should have stepped in and closed down the hotel, Estrada said.

"Congress should give more teeth to the BFP," he said. "Please, let us not wait for another Manor or another Ozone to happen before we finally realize the importance of safety."

Obstruction of justice raps vs Caloocan cop

BY PHILIP C. TUBEZA

A CALOOCAN City policeman is in hot water for having freed two suspected robbers Tuesday.

PO2 Nelson Jaway was charged yesterday with obstruction of justice after his superiors found out that he freed robbery suspects Lilibeth Dimaano, 28, and Jun Paquing, 21, both of Senate Village, Caloocan City, said Supt. Enrique Robles, police sub-station 4 commander.

Dimaano and Paquing were arrested Tuesday after they were caught allegedly trying to sell items stolen from some of their neighbors.

Robles said his men recovered television sets, components, microwave ovens and other stolen items in the house the suspects were renting.

Dimaano's live-in partner, Arthur Paquing, allegedly broke into the houses of their neighbors but police were not able to arrest him.

Now, authorities are also hunting down Dimaano and Jun Paquing after Jaway freed them.

Robles said the two suspects were brought to his station around lunchtime Tuesday after they were arrested.

But instead of putting them in the detention cell, Jaway allegedly brought the two suspects to a nearby eatery, where the three of them ate lunch.

After they had eaten, the policeman let the suspects go.

Robles said that according to Jaway, he released the suspects because they were once his "assets." Jaway was recently transferred to the station from the Caloocan police drug enforcement unit.

Robles had charges filed against Jaway, who was then moved back to the Caloocan police main station for a more thorough investigation of his case.

Corn vendor slain over fluorescent lamp

BY JEROME ANING

A CORN vendor was stabbed dead by his neighbor who accused him of stealing a fluorescent lamp in Sta. Mesa, Manila late Friday night.

Vicente Acedello, 27, single and a resident of Pat Antonio Street, Sta. Mesa, suffered several stab wounds and died on the spot, police said.

PO3 Rodelio Lingcong said Acedello was sleeping when his fellow tenant, Catalino Capagalan, 44, attacked him around 11:45 p.m.

Police learned that the two men had a heated argument and nearly came to blows earlier in the night after Capagalan accused Acedello of stealing a fluorescent lamp from the house.

Acedello vehemently denied the accusation but Capagalan persisted in accusing him.

Despite being wounded, Acedello managed to leave his room and sought refuge in the room of a couple identified only as Winifreda and Emon.

But Capagalan followed him there and stabbed him repeatedly, the investigator said.

Capagalan escaped after the stabbing, taking the fatal weapon with him. He faces a murder charge.

The victim's body was brought to the Tres Amigos funeral parlor in Paco.

Escapee back in jail

IT'S back to jail for Errol Oquindo, 18, one of the 16 inmates of the Pasay City jail who escaped in April. Members of the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology recaptured him on Friday.

Oquindo, 18, has a robbery case pending before the sala of Judge Lilia Lopez of Branch 113 of the Pasay Regional Trial Court.

Friday night at the Baclaran station of the LRT, Oquindo was recaptured by JO2 Kent Gamboa, JO1 Renato Sabaulan, JO1 Richard Arrofo and JO1 Nelson Mirafuentes.

Oquindo escaped with 16 other teenage Pasay jail inmates last April 28 by sawing off the metal bars in their cell window.

The escape resulted in the relief of the jail warden, Chief Insp. Isagani Gamino. *Alcuin Papa*

Boutique cashier robbed

LETICIA Loloy, a cashier of the Linea Italia boutique on Marconi Street in Makati City, was robbed of P400,000 by three holdup men Friday night.

Loloy told police she had just collected cash from the various branches of the boutique and was on her way back to the main office when she was robbed around 7:45 p.m.

On Edison Street near their office, a man suddenly appeared from behind her and covered her eyes, she said. Another man jabbed a .45 pistol at her side and told her to hand over the money she was carrying.

She said the men grabbed her brown shoulder bag which contained P400,000 cash, her salary of P12,000 and a Nokia 8850 cell phone.

The holdup men escaped toward Buendia Avenue, she said. She described them as 30 to 35 years old. *Alcuin Papa*

Artists call for 5-year tax moratorium

(From page A21)

And our productions, unlike movies, are not presented several times a day."

She said the tax moratorium would help the industry a lot and nurture the arts.

"We know that the country is in crisis and we also want to help," she said. "But we should not be taxed heavily, especially when government services are not improving.

"The government and the industry should help each other," she added. "We can become the Broadway of Asia. Singapore claims this title but Singapore comes here every month to recruit theater actors."

She explained that artists do not have a fixed salary and get paid only when they have shows. This means the artists would probably pay the 20 percent amusement tax and later get a refund if their earnings for the year fall below P700,000.

But she said this would be unfair to artists because tax refunds take years to get.

"The government officials we talked to said they themselves do not like issuing refunds because that would be a very tedious process," she said.

THE DAILY GOSPEL

Sunday, September 2, 2001
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: **Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29**

My son, conduct your affairs with discretion and you will be loved by those who are acceptable to God.

The greater you are, the more you should humble yourself and thus you will find favor with God. For great is the power of the Lord and it is the humble who give him glory.

For the sufferings of the proud man there is no remedy, the roots of evil are implanted in him. The wise man reflects on proverbs. What the wise man desires is an attentive ear.

2nd Reading: **Heb 12:18-19, 22-24**

Remember your initiation. There was no material presence nor heat of a *blazing fire, darkness and gloom and storms... blasts of trumpets* or such *a voice* that the people pleaded that no further word be spoken.

But you came near to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, to the heavenly Jerusalem with its innumerable angels. You have come to the solemn feast, the assembly of the firstborn of God, whose names are written in heaven. There is God, Judge of all, with the spirits of the upright brought to perfection. There is Jesus, the mediator of the new covenant, with the sprinkled blood that cries out more effectively than Abel's.

Gospel: **Lk 14:1, 7-14**

One sabbath Jesus had gone to eat a meal in the house of a leading Pharisee, and he was carefully watched.

Jesus then told a parable to the guests, for he had noticed how they tried to take the places of honor. And he said, "When you are invited to a wedding party, do not choose the best seat. It may happen that someone more important than you has been invited, and your host, who invited both of you, will come and say to you: 'Please give this person your place.' What shame is yours when you take the lowest seat!

Whenever you are invited, go rather to the lowest seat, so that your host may come and say to you: 'Friend, you must come up higher.' And this will be a great honor for you in the presence of all the other guests. For whoever makes himself out to be great will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be raised."

Jesus also addressed the man who had invited him and said, "When you give a lunch or a dinner, don't invite your friends, or your brothers and relatives and wealthy neighbors. For surely they will also invite you in return and you will be repaid. When you give a feast, invite instead the poor, the crippled, the lame and the blind. Fortunate are you then, because they can't repay you; you will be repaid at the Resurrection of the upright."

Commentary

Humility can be learned and it is a matter of decision. Sirach says, "Humble yourself the more, the greater you are." Likewise, the gospel suggests us to choose the lowly place when invited to a party, to avoid embarrassment. It is but human to seek recognition, but in the process, we might experience the opposite. Humiliation is the lot of people who inordinately crave for attention. Humility is a sign of Christian maturity. It is the result of the healthy way of looking at oneself before God and people. Humble people know themselves. The more they know their strengths and limitations, the more humble they become. Unknowingly, they get due recognition from people and from God. This Christian virtue is fostered through good works and knowledge of oneself.

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SUPREME COURT DOCTRINES

REMEDIAL LAW (CIVIL PROCEDURE)—Tests to determine whether a counterclaim is compulsory or permissive—In Valencia v. Court of Appeals (263 SCRA 275 [1996]), this Court capsulized the criteria or tests that may be used in determining whether a counterclaim is compulsory or permissive, summarized as follows: 1. Are the issues of fact and law raised by the claim and counterclaim largely the same? 2. Would *res judicata* bar a subsequent sit on defendant's claim absent the compulsory counterclaim rule? 3. Will substantially the same evidence support or refute plaintiff's claim as well as defendant's counterclaim? 4. Is there any logical relation between the claim and the counterclaim? Another test, applied in the case of Quintanilla v. Court of Appeals (279 SCRA 397 [1997]), is the "compelling test of compulsoriness" which requires a logical relationship between the claim and counterclaim, that is, where conducting separate trials of the respective claims of the parties would entail a substantial duplication of effort and time by the parties and the court. Tested against the abovementioned standards, petitioner's counterclaim for commissions, bonuses and accumulated premium reserves is merely permissive. [Citations omitted.] [Justice Gonzaga-Reyes, Third Division, Alday v. FGU Insurance Corporation, G.R. No. 138822, January 23, 2001]

DIGEST BY R.B. VERA

De Belen siblings talk up a storm on 'Sis'

VIEWFINDER

Nestor U. Torre

LAST Monday we caught part of the first episode of "Sis," Channel 7's new weekday-morning show (10:30 a.m.) hosted by the De Belen siblings, **Janice** and **Gelli**.

When we tuned in, the De Belen sisters were talking to the Bayot "singing siblings," and they were having a great, giggly time shooting the breeze, singing a capella together, etc.

This was nice and relaxed and friendly, but it sometimes tended to get too loud and shrill, and therefore irritating. We appreciated the show's attempt to be natural and laid-back, but it sometimes got out of hand.

We imagined that this would be discussed in the production's post-telecast evaluation, and that we would see a less hectic and shrill show in succeeding episodes.

True enough, when we went home early last Wednesday morning to catch a full episode of "Sis," we found it a less frenetic and more agreeable viewing experience.

The topic that day was male single parents, and the guests were **Jomari Yllana** and **Hans Montenegro**. It helped a lot that Gelli and Jomari used to make movies together many years ago, so they were perfectly relaxed during their interview portion.

Even better, this chumminess enabled Gelli to get candid answers out of Jomari regarding her questions about his estrangement with **Aiko Melendez**.

For her part, Janice interviewed Hans on the front steps of the house the show was telecasting from, so their portion also came off as really informal and spontaneous.

It turned out that Hans studied Psychology in the States, so he was a candid, forthright guest who could provide an insightful analysis about the end of his civil marriage, his long-distance, relationship with his little daughter, etc.

He also came up with some quotable quotes. Asked to cite the advantage of being single again, Hans quipped, "Well, for one thing, I don't have to raise or lower the toilet seat for anybody now!"

Later in the show, he was asked why he made it a point to remain good friends with his ex-wife, and he explained that he made sure that would happen because "*nawalan na nga ako ng asawa, ayoko namang mawalan pa ako ng kaibigan!*"

Hans' effective guest stint on "Sis" made us wonder if he wasn't being wasted on the early-morning TV magazine show where he is one of the cohosts. Perhaps he should be given a talk show instead? Before Jomari and Hans could leave, the show subjected them to a "game" that required them to answer delicate questions well, or else they had to drink some undiluted calamansi juice.

This was a "get the guests" gimmick that was supposed to be funny, but Jomari and Hans had to drink so much of the very sour juice that Gelli and Janice soon looked like bullies in viewers' eyes.

In future, perhaps Janice and Gelli can junk the calamansi juice "penalty"—or drink some of the undiluted juice themselves, along with their guests, tit for tat, for them to realize how unfunny their sadistic little gimmick really is.

How do Janice and Gelli do as talk-show hosts? It's a good thing they've toned down on point of shrillness, and they do keep things peppy. But they have to be constantly on guard to keep their tendency to be shrill and giddy (Gelli, especially) in rigorous check.

And, do they really have to loll around on that bed in their sleepwear at the start of the show? It's a fun, relaxed image to see on a late-night or early-early show, but perhaps not on a late-morning TV program.

NEW BOY BAND RECORDS FOR 'TRIP' SOUNDTRACK

Freshmen, a new, all-male band, will be featured in a series of mall shows to promote the original soundtrack of "Trip," a new movie from Star Cinema. Freshmen sang the carrier single, "Trip Mo Ba?," composed by Toto Sorioso. The band will join other artists who recorded for the album in a show at 4 p.m. today at SM Pampanga and on Sept. 30 at Metropolis in Alabang. Freshmen is composed of Roel Aldana and Walton Zerrudo (lead vocals), Daziel Ledda (drums), Jerome Raymundo (bass guitar), Jason Calmol (keyboards) and Edward de la Cruz (lead guitar). The "Trip" soundtrack is released by Startraxx. Other artists in the album are Barbie's Cradle, Session Road, Gladys and the Boxers, Chocolate Beef, Quarter to Five, Mari, Jimmy Bondoc and Oblaxz.

THE CORRS AT THE BIG DOME

To all ticket holders of "The Corrs Live in Manila" concert on Sept. 30 at the Araneta Coliseum, make sure to have your tickets validated at the Ticketnet main box office located at the Araneta Coliseum, starting Sept. 15. Only validated tickets will be honored on the show date. For inquiries, call Ticketnet at 911-5555.

Sharon turns a 'mini concert' into an event

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Leah Salterio

AFTER two overnight tapings for ABS-CBN's drama anthology, "Maala-ala Mo Kaya," **Sharon Cuneta** was pro-bably overworked and suffered a throat problem which at first worried her since she was going to have a concert last Tuesday night.

But when she went out onstage and belted her first number, the voice was neither hoarse nor raspy. It was the distinct Sharon Cuneta voice singing her signature Tagalog hit, "Pangarap na Bituin" (from the movie "Bukas, Luluhod ang mga Tala").

The megastar performing live at Onstage in Greenbelt thrilled the hundreds of Sharonians in the audience. Midway into the song, the crowd rewarded her with a thunderous applause.

It had been years since Sharon last performed in a live concert. Her last major performance in a big venue was in her birthday concert at the Cuneta Astrodome in January 1995. She did an intimate show at Captain's Bar the year after that.

Sharon expressed her feeling in another song, "Overjoyed," a **Stevie Wonder** hit that she revived in her album. "This is exactly what I'm feeling tonight," she told the audience.

We particularly liked her medley of "Even Now" and "Somewhere Down the Road," two of **Barry Manilow**'s greatest hits which Sharon recorded in the album "Nothing I Want More." She also sang the title track.

Robin Padilla was in the audience that night and Sharon did "Maging Sino Ka Man," the **Rey Valera** composition which was used as the theme of the Sharon-Robin movie of the same title.

Robin will be Sharon's costar in her next movie for Viva, which they will start filming next month.

It was indeed an intimate concert with no production numbers or fancy stage gimmicks. Sharon had her five-piece mega-band, led by **Mel Villena**, who is also the show's musical director, plus three back-up singers.

At one point, she went down from the stage to mingle with the audience, but fans swarmed all over her, so she had to go back.

Sharon at Onstage was supposed to be only a mini-concert, a free show meant to promote her latest album, "Nothing I Want More" from Viva Records. But Sharon also sang tunes not only from the album but also "songs that I've really wanted to sing."

The mood turned sentimental when Sharon did "If I'm Not in Love With You," a romantic ballad by **Kathy Trocolli**. Sharon's version was just as beautiful as the original.

Accompanied by guitarist **Cesar Aguas**, Sharon did an acoustic version of "Ikaw," which she dedicated to her hubby, Sen. **Francis "Kiko" Pangilinan**.

"The song has never felt more meaningful to me than now, when I have a love to go home to and a love to nurture forever," Sharon said.

"Ikaw" is the theme of her blockbuster movie with **Ariel Rivera**.

And how can "The Promise" not be included in the repertoire? As most everyone knows by now, "The Promise" is the theme of the Sharon-Kiko romance. It was also used as their wedding song.

Toward the latter half of the concert, Sharon crooned more songs she had always wanted to sing, like "Simply Jessie," South Border's "Kahit Kailan" and the **Basil Valdez** original, "Kahit Ika'y Panaginip Lang."

Sharonians should look forward to the megastar's next album which will contain all original songs. This time, Sharon will cut it for BMG Records (Pilipinas) and it will include a duet with Hong Kong music superstar **Andy Lau**.

Sharon ended the show with "Sana'y Wala Nang Wakas," the "national anthem" of many Sharonians. The audience sang along in the refrain of the song which has been immortalized not only in her movie with **Dina Bonnevie** and **Cherie Gil** but also in many videoke bars.

Also in the audience that night were the megastar's family and relatives—Kiko, **KC**, Mommy **Elaine Cuneta**, parents-in-law **Donato** and **Emma Pangilinan**, **Angeli Valenciano**.

Zsa Zsa Padilla, one of Sharon's closest friends in show biz, was there, too, as well as hairdresser **Fanny Serrano**, who did Sharon's hair and makeup.

Sharon told us the next day she would have wanted to extend the show and sing more songs, but she was already feeling the pain in her throat. But she assured the crowd that night that a bigger concert will be mounted next year in a bigger venue, so more people can be accommodated.

CUNETA. To mount a bigger concert next year.

Regine flies

REGINE Velasquez has indeed gone back to the United States with a vengeance, following a possible lifetime ban last year for alien smuggling, a crime she was not even responsible for.

Two months ago, Regine returned to the US on a pleasure trip on a new tourist visa, thanks to immigration lawyer **Michael J. Gurfinkel** who facilitated its release.

Now comes even better news. Regine will perform in the US for a limited engagement.

"Flying High" the concert will take Regine to prestigious venues like the Universal Ampitheater (Sept. 9) and Cow Palace in San Francisco (Sept. 15).

This early, we were told that thousands of Pinoys in the West Coast have marked off the concert dates in their calendars.

The shows are mounted by Gurfinkel's Filipina wife **Millie**.

Regine's guest is balladeer **David Pomeranz**, who has endeared himself to Filipinos through his ballads like "Got to Believe in Magic," "King and Queen of Hearts" and "Born for You."

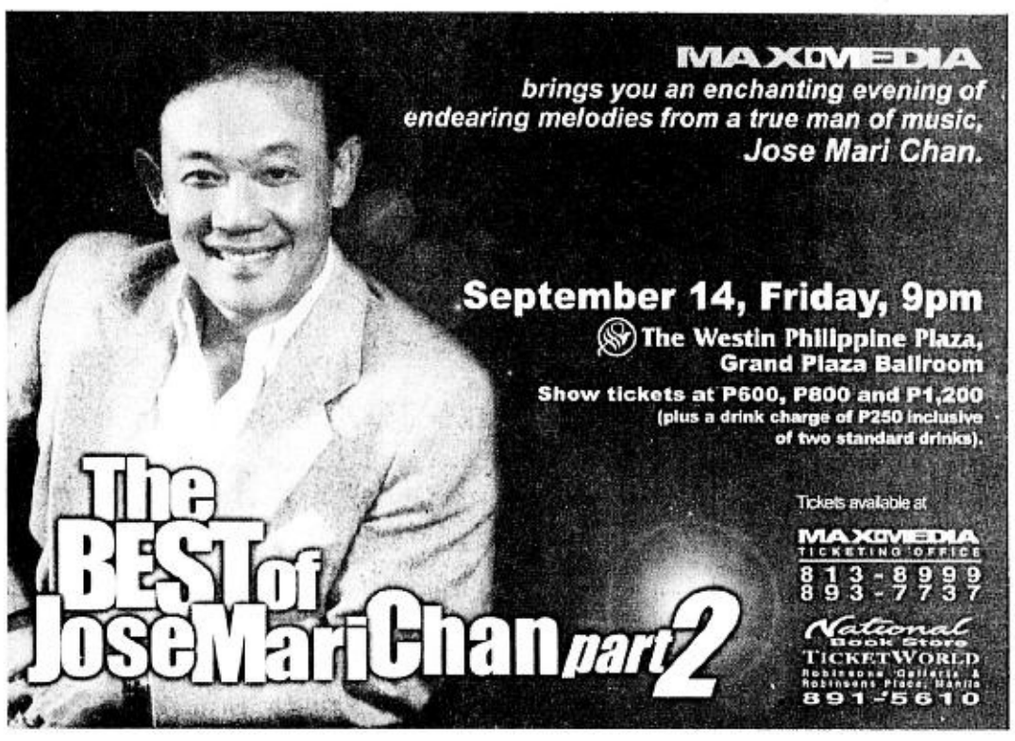
Regine's equally talented sister **Cacai** will also join her in both performances.

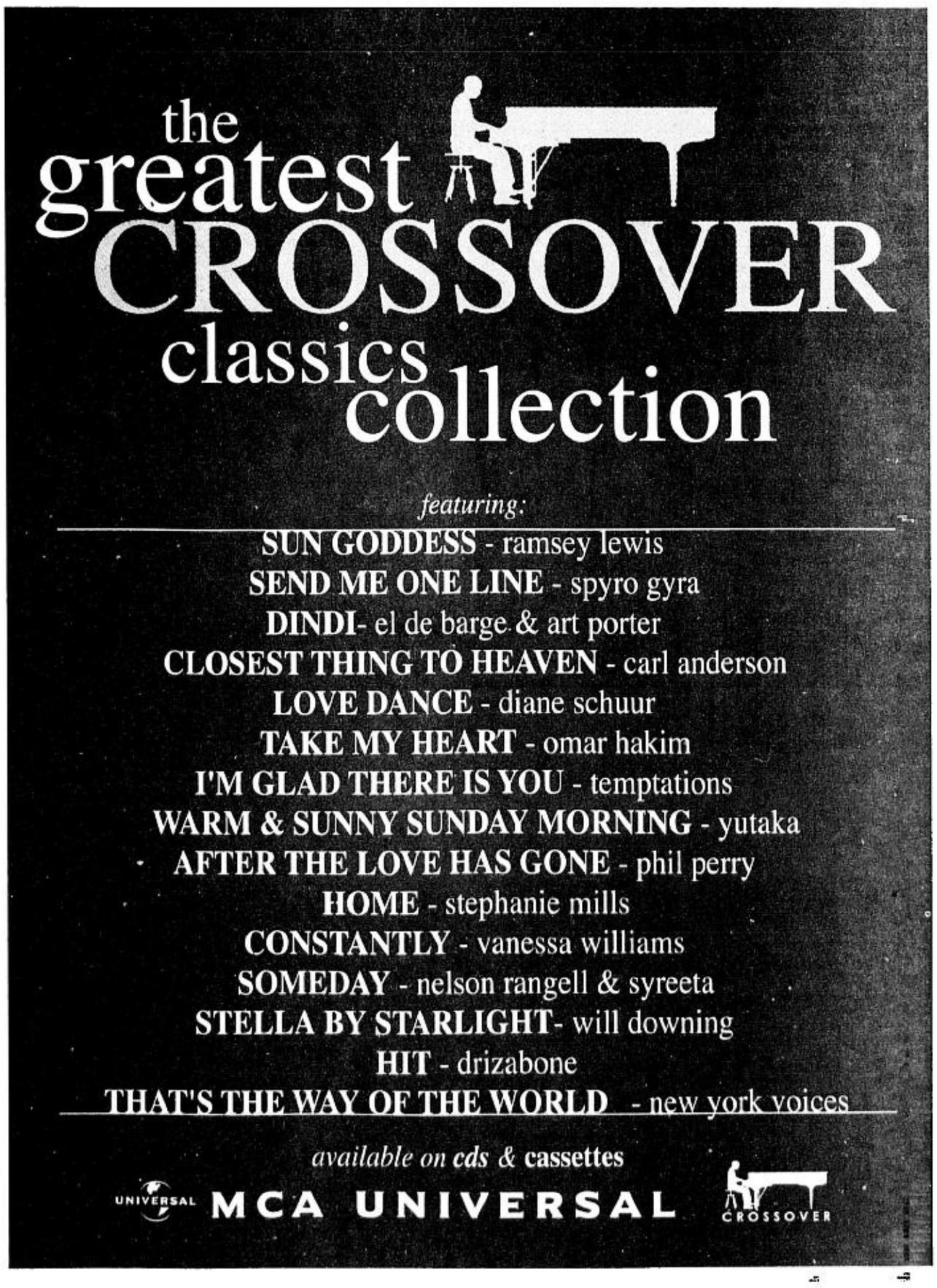
When Regine's visa was revoked last year, her fans in the US thought they would never see her perform live again.

"Flying High" is Regine's first solo concert tour in the US. Although she had performed in the US a number of times, she shared the stage with other local artists such as **Janno Gibbs**, **Ariel Rivera**, **Kuh Ledesma** and **Pops Fernandez**.

Millie says both performance venues are guest-friendly. Two huge screens will be mounted inside the theaters so audiences will get a close-up view of the action onstage.

The shows will be directed by **Jet Montelibano** and line-produced by **Edith Montelibano** of Creative Concepts International. The same team was behind **Martin Nievera**'s concert at the Shrine Auditorium in 1999.





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MONTENEGRO

Spotlight on Hans

THE SPOTLIGHT is on Hans Montenegro again.

He is back after a prolonged hiatus from show biz and modeling.

During his absence, Hans finished his master's degree in psychology in Santa Clara University and ended up working as a counselor and technical recruiter for IBM in San Francisco.

However, his affinity for the business brought him back to the country and led him to Wyngard Tracy of Artistation, who is now managing his career.

Hans believes his stay in the US had paved the way for him to focus on a dream of pursuing a broadcasting career in the country.

Upon his return, he thought of trying out for GMA 7's early news program, "Unang Hirit," which proved to be fruitful. He is now one of the hosts and he also contributes to the production of two segments—"Around the World" and "Hans on Technology."

Apart from hosting, Hans is also busy managing Po Na Na restaurant in Libis, which he owns with a group of friends.

As he treads on a new career path, Hans is optimistic that projects will not only be extensive, but considerably be learning and enriching experiences for him.

For inquiries, call Artistation at 812-7940.

Beauty search

PRELIMINARY screening for the search for Wellcom – Miss Global Queen Philippines 2001 is set today at Limits Disco.

Forty candidates will be chosen to vie for the final night of the pageant on Oct. 28, to be held at the AFP Theater.

Fashion and special events director Robbie Carmona conceptualizes the pageant and also directs it.

The winner in the Miss Global Queen Philippines 2001 will represent the country in the 2002 Miss Global Queen competition in Quebec, Canada.

CIRCLE OF 10 WINNER

John C. Borjal displays his winning form when he was chosen as a member of the prestigious Circle of 10, an annual search for the country's top image models, now on its second year. John-C, who is intent on finishing his engineer-ing course at Mapua, dreams of being a world-class model one day.

ROBINSON'S MOVIEWORLD INAUGURAL

Queen of Talk Kris Aquino led the ceremonial ribbon-cutting of Robinson's Movieworld, held recently at the newly renovated cinema lobby of Robinson's Galleria. Ten new state-of-the-art cinemas were formally opened. Joining the Hollywood-themed party were (from left) German Moreno, Rufa Mae Quinto, Kris Aquino, Assunta de Rossi, Quezon City administrator Pax Manghicod, Robinson's Land Corporation's senior vice president Frederick D. Go and Robinson's Movieworld general manager Leo F. Hernandez.

ISLAND SOUVENIRS DEAL WITH ABS-CBN

Island Souvenirs, a licensee partner of ABS-CBN in the upcoming Star Cinema movie, "Trip," recently unveiled the "Trip" themed merchandise in all Island Souvenirs stores nationwide. Present during the event held at the Island Souvenirs SM Megamall branch were the stars of "Trip:" (from left) Julia Clarete, Marvin Agustin, John Prats, Heart Evangelista, Desiree del Valle and Paolo Contis.

Reasons to visit Power Plant

THE POWER Plant Mall at the Rockwell Center has everything to offer its customers.

Catch the latest movies at the Power Plant Cinema. There are six cinemas with Dolby digital sound systems and imported seating for more pleasurable viewing.

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Another reason to make a beeline to the Power Plant Mall is its first grand mall-wide sale until today, Sept. 2. Prices will be marked down by as much as 70 percent.

The mall's various bars, restaurants and dining outlets will also have special offerings during the sale.

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THREE SEASONS

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Three Seasons tells three tangentially related stories: a romance between a forward-thinking prostitute and a cyclo driver; a street kid who loses his case of cheap trinkets; and a student of a reclusive teacher/poet who has lost his fingers to leprosy. Each of the stories is quite simple, but together they create a complex, layered experience of a country simultaneously caught up in its own past, present and future.

Vietnamese-American Bui's film has the distinction of being the first American production to shoot in Vietnam since the War.A cinematic poem that works more as a reflective mood piece than a traditional story, Bui's lyrical script and Rinzler's magical camera work combine to create an original, lasting motion picture.

Language: Vietnamese w/ English sub-titles

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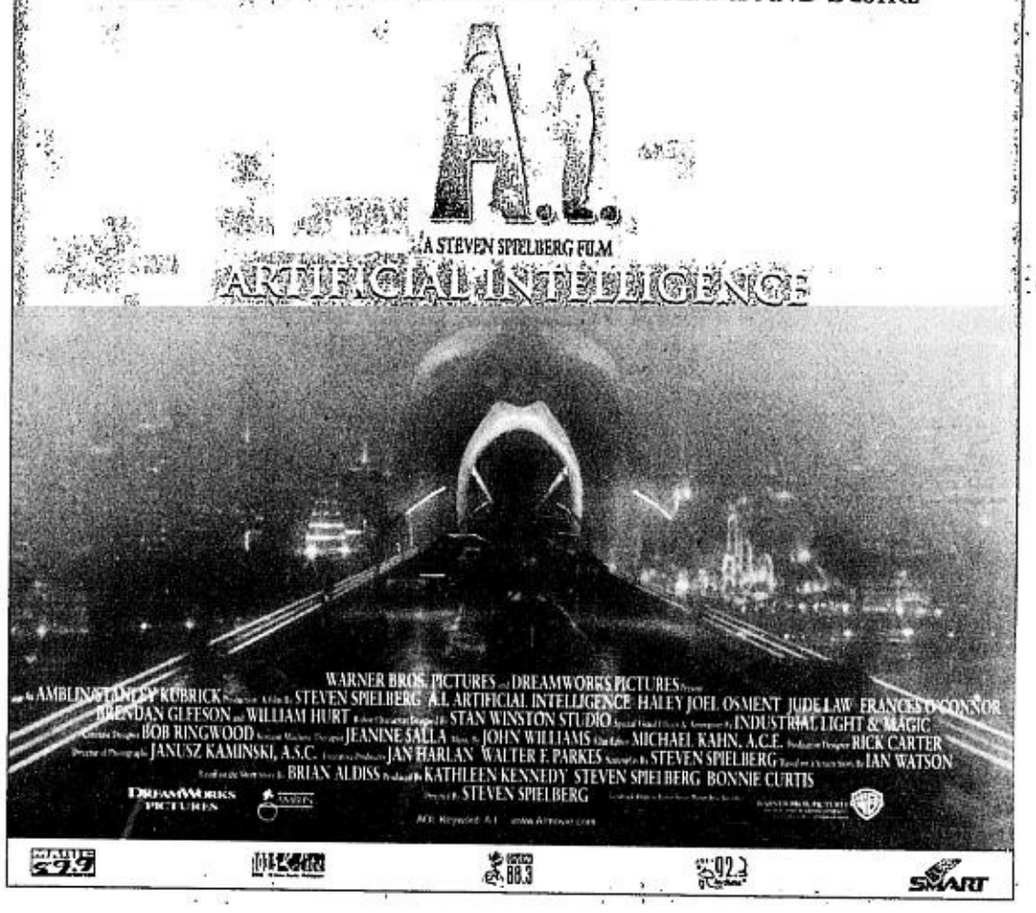

'THE WEDDING PLANNER' NOW ON VIDEO

C-Interactive Digital Entertainment releases on video the romantic comedy, "The Wedding Planner," starring Jennifer Lopez and Matthew McConaughey. The movie is directed by Adam Shankman and also stars Calvin Klein and model-turned-actor Justin Chambers. It is available on both VHS and VCD format. The release is sponsored by FM radio station Wave 89.1. For inquiries, call 245-5011 to 12.

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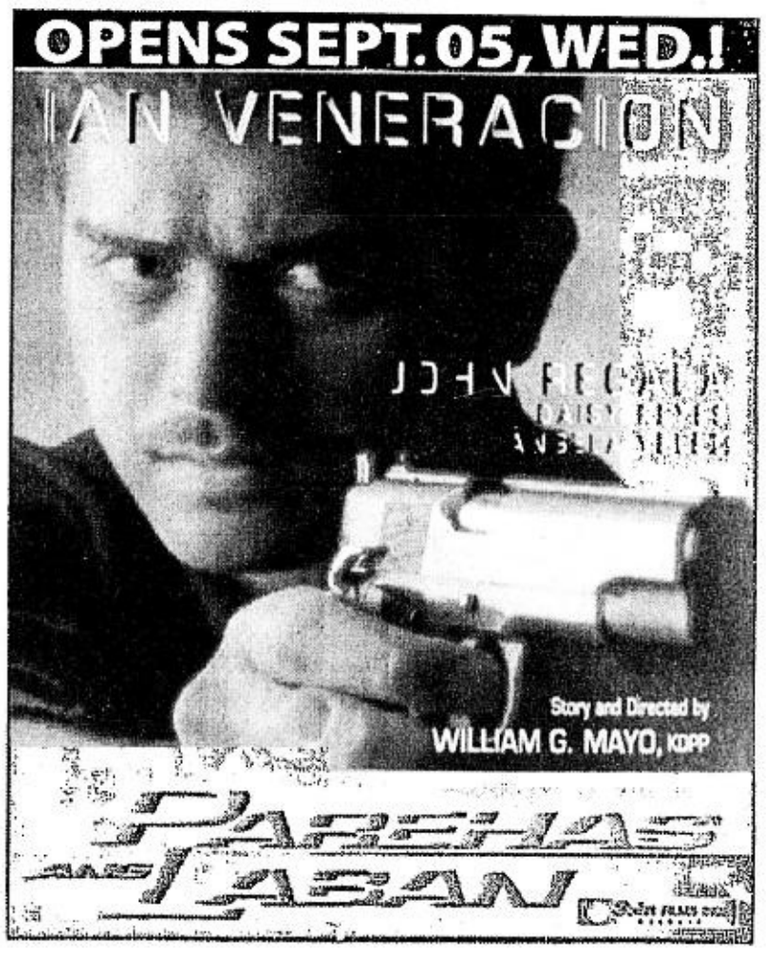

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ALL EARS. Toti Dalmacion, with his vast collection of LPs, says he is open to all kinds of music. ROMY HOMILLADA

New record firm vows to add an exciting spin to music

BY TINA ARCEO-DUMLAO

WHILE the mainstream local music industry was being flooded by commercial music produced by big record companies, a small group of artists influenced by underground bands from Europe and the US was busy playing music not for money but for art.

These bands that have generated a loyal and growing fan base have finally found their way in the mainstream through Definition Records, a new record company put up by PinoyCentral of the ABS-CBN group of companies. Music consultant Toti Dalmacion is producer.

Definition Records was described as a record label in the tradition of the independent music scene with such proponents as Postcard, El and Sarah.

It claims to be a label that will challenge musical boundaries, bring back excitement through new material, and put color into the gray music landscape.

Definition Records' first offering, "Mutual Admiration Society," is a compilation of singles from some of the undiscovered musical talents such as Soft Pillow Kisses, Color Contest, Super Minty, Juniper Bells and She Came To Stay.

These artists performed regularly at Mayric's, a popular venue for alternative music along Espana Street in Manila. Members of other bands formed a large part of the enthusiastic audience.

Indie vs formula

"We called it Mutual Admiration Society because we felt that we were the only ones who appreciated each other's music," Dalmacion says.

Definition Records, he says, was put up in the tradition of the popular independent labels in the US and in the UK. The main difference between the indie labels and the mainstream record companies is that indie music is pure and unadulterated compared to the "formula" music of the big labels.

The music in indie labels was recorded with little thought to how it would do commercially.

Independent labels have been around for some time, even during the height of the New Wave music in the 1980s. Hot bands such as Blur and Oasis owe their start in the music industry to independent labels

Most of the independent labels still produce singles and albums in vinyl form. There are no more vinyl pressing plants operating in the Philippines but the vinyl industry is still very much alive in Hong Kong, Singapore, Japan, the US and Europe.

Open to all kinds

"Many chose to go to the independent labels because of the creative freedom," Dalmacion explains. "This is why the music is different and it is this music that I want to produce through Definition Records."

Dalmacion has been a proponent of independent music for a long time now. In 1994, he put up a record store called Groove Nation at the Vernida I building, just after he came back from Los Angeles where he got a degree in recording engineering.

He says he was not really too keen on going back to the Philippines but he was enticed by the challenge to help change the local music industry.

Groove Nation generated a cult following and most of the artists in the Mutual Admiration Society were Dalmacion's clients in the record store.

Groove Nation's music veered toward the New Wave and the indie labels but Dalmacion says his taste in music is far broader. His ears, he says, are open to all kinds of music from popular to jazz to techno.

Dalmacion grew up with music. His uncles Dennis and Rene were the founders of the landmark Hotdog band. His parents were a big support, he says.

His music collection has now grown to 20,000 LPs or long-playing vinyl albums. Many are in the punk, New Wave, indie and techno genres.

Dalmacion has closed the Groove Nation record store but he is still very much involved in the cutting edge music scene.

He is the musical consultant of Myx and is the music editor of Fly, Chalk and Metro. He also does music scores for commercials, his latest being the Bench Cologne commercial entitled "Forest." He is set to open a recording studio called The Foundry with an uncle for a partner.

Mission

Dalmacion says he is on a mission to help broaden the Filipino's musical tastes.

"There was a time when I did not want to share my music. I just listened to music alone. But now, I want to share the music that I love. I want to help expose people to the kind of music that is far different from what we hear now."

Definition Records has also set its sights on foreign shores. Dalmacion says there is a market in Asia, the US and Europe that follows the kind of music that Definition Records wants to bring into the mainstream.

The Mutual Admiration Society has in fact made it to the top 10 most requested CDs at Tower Records.

"This shows that the market for the music we are producing is growing," he says.

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Spielberg picks new film project

LOS ANGELES — Steven Spielberg plans to direct and produce "Catch Me if You Can" as his next project, tapping Leonardo DiCaprio, 26, to star, said Zap2it.com.

"Catch Me if You Can" is based on the true-crime autobiography of Frank Abagnale, Jr, the youngest person ever put on the FBI's 10 Most Wanted list due to a series of frauds.

The charming con man impersonated an airline pilot, a doctor and an assistant attorney general, eventually writing bad checks worth over six million dollars in all 50 states and 26 countries - all before turning 18 years old, the entertainment web site says.

The project has faced a number of delays.

It was to start shooting last year with Gore Verbinski ("The Mexican") as director, but DiCaprio was tied up filming Martin Scorsese's "Gangs of New York," Zap2it.com said.

The threatened actors' strike caused more delays, and Verbinski and co-star James Gandolfini pulled out of the film. *AFP*

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One of highest paid lady execs used to earn ₱400 a month

DY Buncio relies on the three Fs to do her job right—be fair, firm and friendly.

BY TINA ARCEO-DUMLAO

MA. LOURDES Cumagun-Dy Buncio is known to score a 99 in those videoke machines with a bouncing ball and a rating system.

For singing-crazy Filipinos, it is a very, very good score.

Not for Malu.

She figures that if she sings loud enough and follow the bouncing ball to the letter, she'll get a 100 sooner or later.

This tenacity and drive to achieve her goals in and out of the music halls helped the youngest and only girl in a brood of five move up the corporate world from copywriter to Avon's first female head of its Philippine operations.

Dy Buncio is general manager of the Avon Cosmetics Inc. in the Philippines, the eighth largest in Avon's global operations.

She tells the INQUIRER that she actually had no grand designs of making it to the handful of lady who's who in Avon, the world's largest direct-selling cosmetics firm.

She freely admits that she thought she would just complete her Bachelor of Arts degree in Communication Arts at the Assumption College, get married and raise a family.

She says this was one of the reasons she got a job as a copywriter in the Philippine Advertising Counselors, where her brother was connected. It paid her P400 a month. That was in 1975.

"There is a big gap between me and my brothers. My oldest brother is even old enough to be my father, so when I was young I used to go in and work summers with him. When I graduated, I took the job as a copywriter," Dy Buncio says.

Swinging '70s

Dy Buncio relates that it was a carefree time for her. She was just 19 when she graduated in April 1975 and the world was just opening itself up to her. Looking back, Dy Buncio says she was so different then.

It was the middle of the '70s after all, and like the rest of the teenagers during her time, she took to wearing clogs, halter tops, tie-dyed T shirts, elephant pants and Indian inspired clothes. Of course she kept her wavy hair past her shoulders and parted in the middle.

To complete the look, this new member of the labor force in the hippie era of flower children wore glasses like those worn by the late Beatle, John Lennon.

She was also in a long running relationship that started since she was in school, that she thought would reach its logical conclusion.

"When it did not pan out, I figured it was time for me to get serious about work. I was 19 when I started working and reality hit me at 25. That was when I thought I should buckle down and think about a career for myself," Dy Buncio says.

She made up for lost time and she devoted her energy and focus on building a name for herself. She found the outlet outside her brother's company.

"It's hard to work for your family. It puts a lot more pressure on you and I guess it cannot be avoided that people look at you with suspicion because they think that you get special treatment because you are family," Dy Buncio says.

Career woman

Dy Buncio then made the career move and left PAC. She worked for two other companies for a short time before landing in food and beverage giant San Miguel Corp. where she worked as a product assistant under the Magnolia Division for two years.

She handled cream and fermented products, as well as tetrapak juices. It was a challenging job and introduced Dy Buncio to the competitive world of sales and marketing. It did not take long before Dy Buncio knew that this is the world she wanted to conquer.

THROUGH resiliency and hard work, Malu Dy Buncio became one of a few women to head the local operations of cosmetics giant Avon, dubbed "The Company For Women."

From San Miguel, she moved on to become assistant product manager and then senior product manager of multinational firm Richardson Vicks Corp. (Philippines). She moved from product to product until she was finally asked to handle the bread and butter category of the company—cough and colds under the flagship brand Vicks Vaporub.

"It was funny because in Magnolia we did not like it when it rained because it meant that sales of ice cream would go down. But at Vicks, rain was good for the business because many people would get cough and colds," Dy Buncio says.

Dy Buncio was climbing the corporate ladder at a fast clip at this time and it was fate that she would meet and fall in love with Luis Angelo C. Dy Buncio, who was and still is with Richardson Vicks Corp., whom she eventually married. He inspired her to work even harder to fulfill her dreams.

GRADUATING at 19 years old, Dy Buncio started out as a carefree teenager with no inkling that she would end up as general manager of one of the biggest operations of Avon.

"His outlook was very different from the typical Filipino male perhaps because he was exposed to other cultures since he studied at the International School. It worked well for me because I am very independent by nature since I grew up abroad," she says.

Dy Buncio spent her growing up years abroad since her father Manuel Cumagun was a career diplomat and his job took her everywhere. She studied in Australia and Germany. She was already 13 when she came back to the Philippines.

Medicine to makeup

After making it in the cough and cold business, Dy Buncio was ready to move on to bigger and better things. The next challenge that came was the job as business development manager of Avon Products Manufacturing Inc. (Philippines) where she introduced Playtex intimate apparel for Avon.

She handled market research, product lineup, packaging, advertising and dealer training. Intimate apparel is now the second largest category for Avon Philippines.

From the Philippines, she was ready to conquer the world for Avon. She

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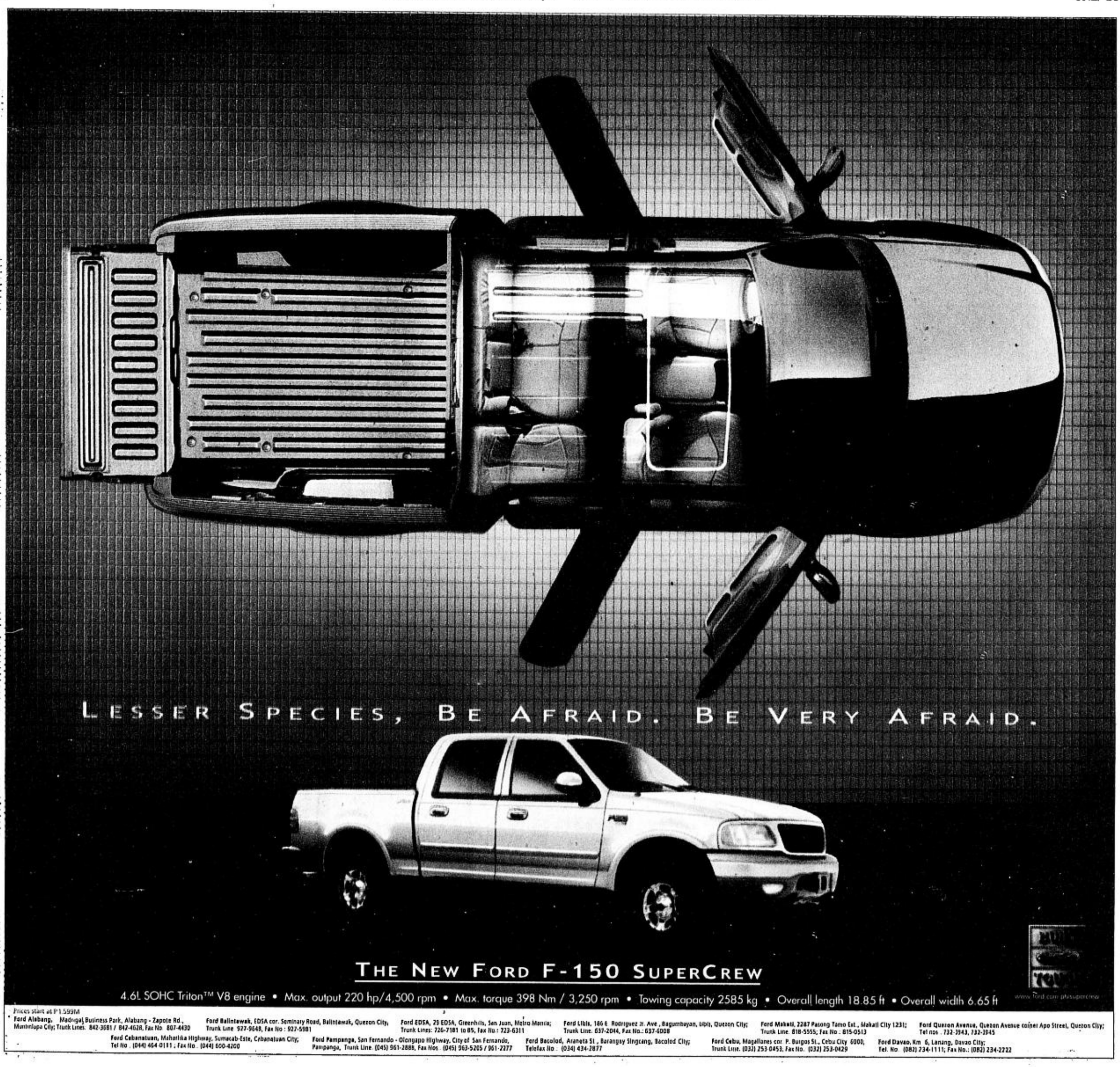

IN YOUR FACE BY L. P. LEVISTE

TRANSPORTATION and Communications Secretary Pantaleon Alvarez is lucky that Sen. Panfilo Lacson is hogging the spotlight. If not, he will find it harder to dodge stubborn talk about his involvement in the controversial Naia terminal 3 project and sexual harrassment charges. To these charges, he has been consistent in proclaiming his innocence.

CIBI Information Inc. head Cayetano Paderanga Jr. hands over the latest Philippines 5000 report to Securities and Exchange Commission chair Lilia R. Bautista.

Too much information can tune you out as fast as you tune in

"The Attention Economy"
by Thomas H. Davenport and John C. Beck
Harvard Business School Press, 2001

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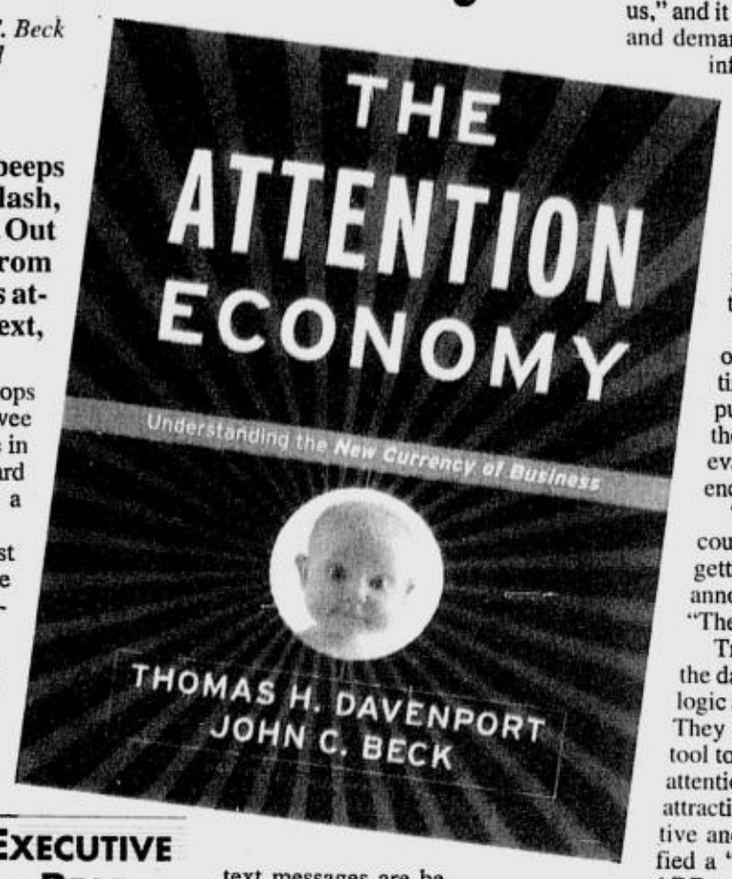


EXECUTIVE READ

THE CELL PHONE rings, beeps or vibrates—and, in a flash, one's attention is diverted. Out comes the handy cell phone from pocket, bag or pouch—and one's attention is caught by a message—text, graphics or picture.

Never mind if a guest in a restaurant stops short at mid-sentence, a media interviewee waits in one breathless hush, a classmate in school leans over to take a peek, or the board chairman in a directors' meeting loses a thread of thoughtful strategy.

In fact, the sermon of your pastor/priest in a worship service is "tuned out" in one moment when heaven is eclipsed by a flashing text message!

The interesting conversation, the interview, the class lesson, the life-and-death homily or the fire-and-brimstone sermon must stop (or be muted out as in your TV set) in one suspenseful hush—while the all—important text is read—and then, in one rapid fire texting action, gets a reply or is forwarded pronto!

The world has to stand still for a text message. As if one's life depends on it.

We all know that this is happening, but we have not paused to understand what's really going on. It takes a newly published book, "The Attention Economy," written by the strategists of Accenture Institute of Strategic Change to give us a startling truth:

"The wealth of information has resulted in the poverty of attention," authors Thomas Davenport and John Beck declare. The more information you get, the harder you pay attention.

With the texting revolution in the Philippines, it has become more and more difficult to get and sustain people's attention. The combined figures of Globe and Smart reveal that text messages number an average of 70 to 80 million a day—and these are still increasing. That explains why the text messages are becoming more and more frequent.

Such mind-blowing statistics are not even mentioned by the book revealing mind-boggling numbers about the information explosion all over the world. The authors reveal that 60,000 new books are published in the US every year, contributing to the 300,000 new books coming out of the press yearly the world over.

Every year, 18,000 new magazines get published in the US, containing 255 billion pages of magazine editorial material. A total of 1.6 trillion pieces of paper circulate around the US offices.

Some 400,000 scholarly journals come out of universities, 15 billion product catalogs reach US homes, 87.2 billion pieces of direct mail flood US mailboxes, 2 million webpages are designed and internet traffic doubles about every 100 days.

What do these all mean? The authors supply the answer: "The Attention Economy is upon us," and it is even governed by the law of supply and demand—which goes: "As the amount of information increases, the demand for attention rises."

Technology has made sure that we have access to information around the globe. The solution to our thirst for information has spawned yet another problem. "It has become harder to get and hold the attention of people amidst overwhelming options," the book points out.

This is a groundbreaking book. Much of what we know about attention-getting as a goal for advertisers, speakers, publishers and broadcasters has been thoroughly studied, expanded—and elevated to the level of management science.

The authors went even further, encouraged by their successful "attention getting and distribution" consulting, by announcing the birth of a new industry: "The Attention Industry."

True to the authors' mission to herald the dawning of this new industry—with its logic and principles abounding in this book. They have introduced "Attentionscape," a tool to measure attention, and advanced six attention types in paired opposites: aversive, attractive, front-of-mind, back-of-mind, captive and voluntary. They have even identified a "disease" and its "symptoms" called ADD, meaning, "attention deficit disorder."

Scholars as they are, they actually began by defining "attention," ever aware that their precursors conveniently or gingerly avoided such a task.

"Attention," they define, "is focused mental engagement on a particular item of information. Items come into our awareness, we attend to a particular item, and then we decide whether to act." They express lament over the unhelpful definition of author Henry James: "Everyone knows what attention is." (!?)

If you're looking for an explanation for a nameless phenomenon in your organization where people can't seem to get things done—or, they are disorganized, confused, or easily distracted and thus, less productive—find out if the authors are right about this "industry."

And, if *Executive Read* still has you attention, tune in to what the book says. *(dantemv@i-next.inet)*

Heavy fashion titles belie publishing slump

NEW YORK—"W" publisher Alyce Alston is not bragging about her ad-crammed September issue—even though it's one of the bulkiest magazines hitting newsstands this fall in the midst of a general slump in advertising spending.

"It's not a year to boast," Alston said. "Times are tough. You are going to have a competitive edge sometimes and other times not."

The publishing industry as a whole is facing hard times. Several business, technology and general interest women's titles have disappeared entirely while others have slimmed down considerably from a year ago.

Fashion magazines, especially those targeting wealthier readers, have fared better than others. But nobody's predicting an industry rebound.

Fairchild Publication's W and Conde Nast's Vogue—aimed at the high end market—were the only two in the category to see an increase in ad pages in September—traditionally one of the biggest for the group.

Ad pages grew 21.5 percent at W to 387 pages in the 604-page issue while ad pages at Vogue grew 6.4 percent to 566 pages in the 700-plus page issue, according to Media Industry Newsletter.

Despite the performance in September, W's Alston said just maintaining last year's business and making sure the business does not contract is a remarkable task in the current climate.

"September is the be-all and end-all for these magazines," said Steven Cohn, editor in chief of the Media Industry Newsletter. "W had its biggest issue ever. Compared to the rest of the magazine and media universe, it's not great and it's not terrible," Cohn said.

The issue gave W's Alston a bit more breathing room for her year targets, but she was buckling down for a rocky road as many of W's advertisers begin to feel some of the pain.

"I have to rely on jewelers' business in November and December and the news hasn't been good. It is going to be really tough and we are seeing the economy hit them in a big way," Alston said. "Some are not even advertising and others are cutting their campaigns."

In the 1990-1991 recession, many of the upscale magazines took a hit, but the same degree of pain has not yet spread to the titles this time, Cohn said.

Even in the economic slowdown, wealthy readers are continuing to spend on fashion and jewelry and designer products, and retailers need to keep advertising to maintain their visibility.

"The sneeze happened first at technology magazines heavily dependent on that category, and that's down a ton. But it's also possible (fashion titles) will catch cold if the affluent market sits on its hands. That's a big if," he added.

"Actually through November, the book is just a hair up in terms of (ad) pages," said Vogue publisher Robert Beckman. "In a tough market most of the core fashion and beauty advertisers want to maintain their presence in Vogue from a visibility point of view even if their budgets are down."

Designers and retailers were still looking to advertise in the top, upscale fashion titles. Of Vogue's top 25 advertisers, Beckman said about 21 have increased their spending this year.

"Just because there's a downturn in the economy, which has been overly documented, business goes on. Brands can't neglect their long-term positioning. Someone is going to gather market share," Beckman said.

Stephanie George, president of AOL Time Warner's InStyle magazine said several beauty firms have launched new products recently, driving advertising, but the next chapter will depend on how well those products sell.

Although publishers acknowledged that the luxury market may get hit a bit later than the mass market by the downturn, they said their readers were still spending money.

"Instead of selling 10 Manolo Blahnik (shoes), (upscale retailers) are selling six," Alston said. "There is still that wealthy person and if you reach that wealthy person, they are ready to buy—even if she buys a little less—so luxury magazines are going to stay a little stronger."

Harper's Bazaar publisher Cynthia Lewis said that despite the 25-percent decline in ad pages at the magazine in September, she is still confident 2001 will be the second-best year for the 134-year-old Hearst Corp. magazine in terms of ad pages, closing the year with 1,555 to 1,560 pages.

She characterized September as a "hiccup" caused by several factors, including the departure of the magazine's former editor in chief Kate Betts earlier this summer.

"The Bazaar title carries (equity) as a prestigious voice for the affluent customer, who is not as much affected by the recession as some might think," Lewis said. Bazaar's audience "has the resources financially to buy the things they want."

To capture those ad dollars that are still circulating in the market, many of the magazines have stepped up their efforts to make sure companies get the most for their money.

InStyle's George said the magazine has been increasing its spending on researching what its readers want, while W's Alston said the magazine has increased the volume of events where advertisers can meet readers face to face.

"(The audience) is not middle-America. W has the credibility to pull this customer in where (advertisers) can have a conversation with them at a cocktail party of fashion show. We have to turn up the volume (on those events) in a big way," Alston said.

Both Vogue and Bazaar have been putting together packages that drive readers online to get more information from their advertisers and help drive increased brand awareness. ***Reuters***

EDITH Espinosa, Noel Pamplona and Ann Collado (from left sitting). Abigail Fuentes, Lou de Quiroz, Siony Lorenzo and Michael de Quiroz (standing from left).

Exciting careers await outside current firms

OVER the years, the successes of Ayala Life's business partners have inspired a number of people into joining the exciting, challenging and rewarding world of selling life insurance policies.

Like their predecessors, these former neophytes have gained a considerable level of achievement that led to changes in their way of living and character. And now, they also derive fulfillment from inspiring the same changes among their new recruits.

"I received many benefits," says Quezon City business district office branch manager Ann Collado.

Having worked for 10 years with the insurance firm, she says her success has taken her to exciting locales both here and abroad. Now, she uses her good fortune to help those who are just starting.

"The bonuses, which I get almost every month, are now used for contests, drives and other incentives to reward my agency managers and top agents," she says. "I give something back in return so they will be motivated to work even harder and experience the joys of what I have accomplished."

Edith Espinosa says her work has changed her character in great ways. "I used to have low self-esteem," she confesses.

"But with the guidance of my managers and as I started to attend seminars and trainings, my career moved up and my confidence grew. Now, I try to pass this on to my fellow workers and prospects, telling them to learn from what I did and I can see that it's working."

For Siony Lorenzo, her experience selling insurance is an eye-opener.

"It made me realize that we do have a moral responsibility to our clients," she says. "And this inspired me to work ever harder for their benefit. Consequently, I was awarded for my efforts. I know how much of an impact my work can exert on people's lives.

And so I tell my co-agents to take their jobs seriously not only for the rewards and bonuses, but more importantly for the welfare of their clients. I believe this is what business partners truly stand for."

Marice Abigail Fuentes shares the same sentiment. "For me, it's not enough that I get the bonuses and perks. Of course those things matter, but what concerns me most is whether I was able to provide my clients with the service they deserve," she enthuses.

"I try to extend this positive disposition to my fellow workers and judging from the company's performance, I can say that everybody's doing very well. My personality has truly changed for the better in more ways than one."

Makati 2 branch manager Lou de Quiroz says her work gave her a sense of accomplishment.

McDonald's in an ethical dilemma over 'rigged' promotion

CHICAGO—The game was rigged—but the FBI wanted it to go on.

What was McDonald's to do?

Chief executive Jack Greenberg got the bad news last May that the hamburger giant's promotions had been the victim of fraud. With more evidence, the FBI could nab the crooks.

McDonald's Corp. faced a classic dilemma, experts said. If it cooperated with the FBI and continued a game that was fixed, it would be at the expense of its own customers.

Fifteen months later, investigators busted a ring that allegedly rigged promotions including the "Monopoly" and "Who Wants to be a Millionaire" games.

McDonald's said it did the right thing by cooperating with the FBI. But now the company faces civil lawsuits from customers complaining that the decision cost them money.

Damned if you do...

For McDonald's, it seems, it was a case of damned if you do and damned if you don't.

Some corporate ethics experts said the company had little choice but to help the FBI. After all, aiding an investigation also can generate good publicity and limit exposure to civil claims.

"Corporations have an ethical obligation to cooperate with law enforcement and they have an ethical obligation to the public," said Jeffrey Shaman, a DePaul University law professor.

And while McDonald's had no legal obligation to cooperate, obviously it would have been in their best interest from a business standpoint, said John Breen, an assistant professor at Loyola University in Chicago.

The FBI on Aug. 21 arrested two women and six men, including an employee of Simon Marketing, a company that handled promotions for McDonald's, for allegedly rigging McDonald's promotions and defrauding the fast-food chain of more than $13 million.

No McDonald's employees were implicated.

Last week, McDonald's announced a new $10-million promotion beginning Thursday to make up for the rigged ones. It also severed ties with Simon Marketing.

"There are lots of business, civic and legal reasons for full cooperation, and if someone were to ask me, I would advise a company to (cooperate)," University of Pennsylvania law professor Geoffrey Hazard said.

Did ends justify means?

Continuing the promotions gave authorities the opportunity to finish the investigation. The alleged fraudster, it turned out, was diverting game winnings to accomplices, instead of McDonald's customers.

In this case, it was merely a game. But one leading ethicist, Fr. Oliver Williams, director of the Center for Ethics in Business at the University of Notre Dame, said there would be a tremendous outcry in a situation where victims were seriously harmed.

A more absurd scenario illustrates the point, he said. What if authorities had allowed Kansas City pharmacist, Robert Courtney, accused recently of diluting lifesaving cancer drugs, of going ahead with the life-threatening practice just so they could gather more evidence?

"The ends don't justify the means. That would be clear to everyone (in that case)," Williams said.

The McDonald's case, by comparison, was "a tough call" but Williams said he would have advised looking for other ways to complete the McDonald's investigation rather than continuing the deception.

McDonald's clearly was not endangering anyone's health, but trust is just as important, he said. The credibility of McDonald's is a valuable commodity, along with its relationship to customers.

Shaman said the case raised a question of whether prosecutors were "overzealous" in asking McDonald's to go on with the promotion and, in effect, continue to perpetrate a fraud on the public.

Customers sue

It took just one day after the fraud announcement for the first lawsuit, seeking class status, to be filed in Illinois state court for damages on behalf of customers who participated in the promotions. McDonald's and Simon Worldwide Inc., the parent of the company that ran the games, were named as defendants.

Reuters

One of highest paid lady exec used to earn ₱400 a month

(From page B1)

moved on to handle the Asia-Pacific operations, establishing distributorships in Singapore, Brunei, Fiji, Nauru and Papua New Guinea from December 1985 to May 1988.

She came back to the Philippines to work for five years as general manager of Beautifont Products Inc., an Avon company handling non-cosmetic products. She grew the company into a P100-million firm from a $25,000 in capitalization.

Her accomplishments were too big to ignore so she continued to move up the Avon ladder. In January 1993, she became vice president for sales and operations, a position she kept for about three years before she was called abroad again to plan Avon's entry into Indo China.

After just six months in the position, she got her first crack at being chief executive officer at 41 years old when she became president of P.T. Avon, Indonesia from July 1996 to May 1999, right in the middle of Indonesia's political crisis.

Despite the considerable challenges, Dy Buncio left Indonesia's operations with a strong cash flow, strong financial indicators and minimal sales erosion considering the political and economic crisis facing the country brought about by the Asian financial crisis.

For her troubles, she received Avon's Chairman's Pathfinder Award for "managing through political crises" in 1998.

Going back home

Despite her travels, there is still no place like home, so Dy Buncio very much welcomed the news that she would become general manager of the Philippine operations, a P7-billion operation that is Avon's 6th most profitable worldwide and eight largest in sales.

Avon Philippines is supported by a network of 700 associates and employees worldwide. Its branch network is one of the most extensive with 104 branches, the most recent of which was opened in Tondo.

Dy Buncio says it is quite a challenge to defend and grow Avon's market share with the entry of cheap imports from abroad but she is confident that with the proper motivation of the business partners, Avon should continue to do well, even better.

"I believe it is my responsibility as general manager to set the direction for the company, take the time to explain what is it we want to accomplish and then make sure that these initiatives are done. For me, teamwork is very important as well as professionalism and respect," Dy Buncio says.

Dy Buncio also relies on the advice that Ken Tyas, an Australian colleague she considers one of her mentors, gave her. She calls them the three Fs to becoming a good manager—be fair, firm and friendly.

"Fair means you have to treat the people the way they should be treated. Firm means I have to be consistent and friendly, meaning approachable. I have a literally open-door policy in the office. I want people to share their ideas with me," Dy Buncio says.

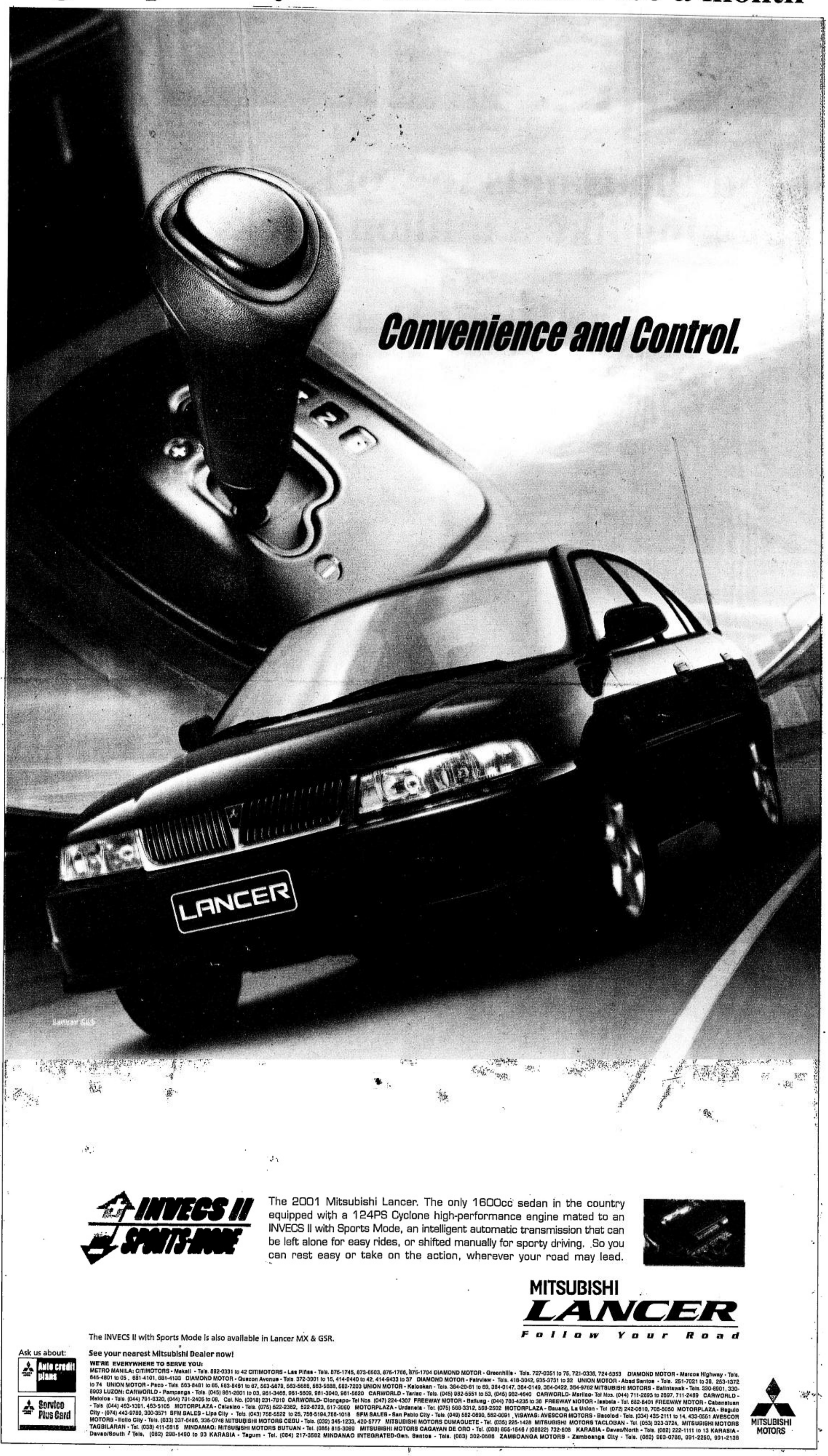
Dy Buncio says her easy rapport with people combined with resilience and tenacity helped her achieve what she has in the business. She also credits her success to her ability to stand up again, when she falls down.

"Nobody is perfect but we have to recover from our failings. We have to find a way to stand up every time," Dy Buncio adds.

It also helps, she says, to have a supportive husband. She has been married to Luis for the past 17 years, with a cat as another loving companion.

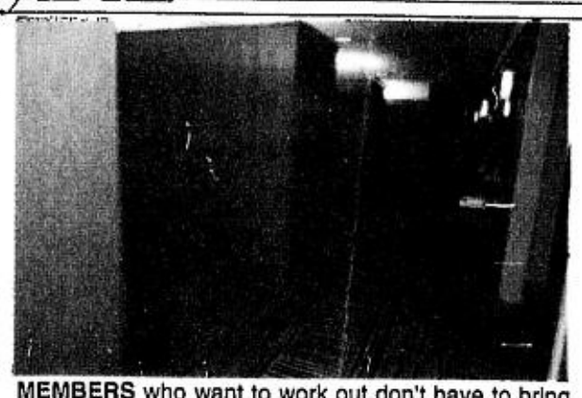
"He has always been supportive and never stood in my way," she says.

Not even when she will not stop singing until she gets a perfect score.



MANY of the cardiovascular machines are equipped with head phones so you can tune in to over 12 channels without disturbing other people.

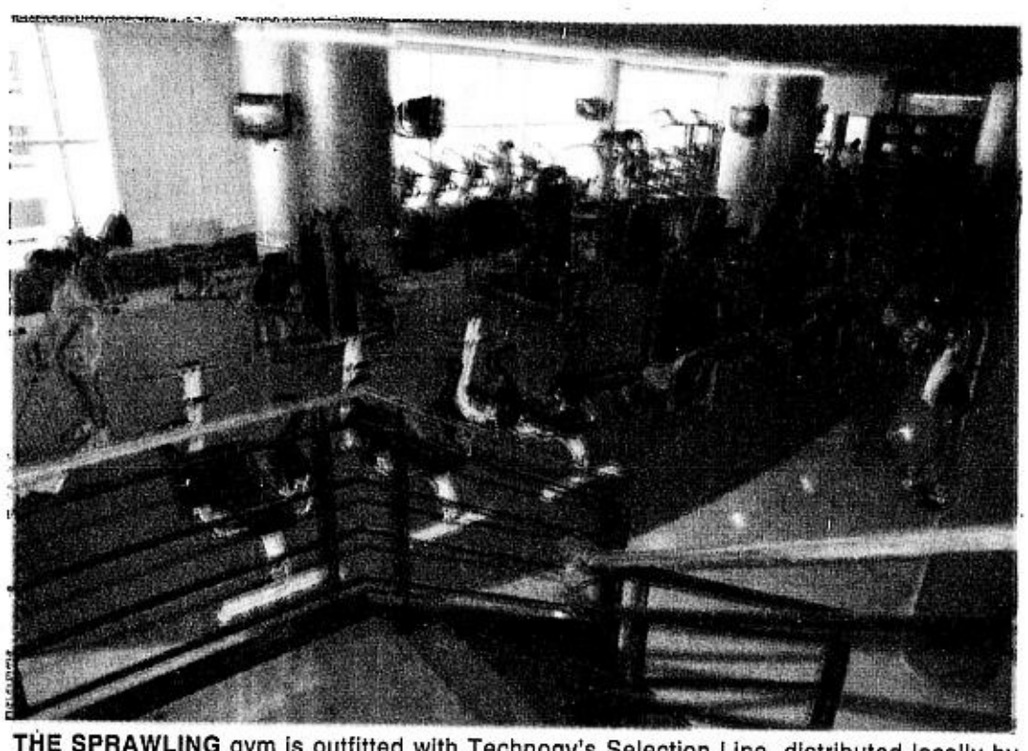
AFTER a rigorous workout, members can choose to avail of The Spa Clinique's facial, massage and beauty treatments. The biggest common massage room has three beds.



MEMBERS who want to work out don't have to bring a bulky gym bag as the locker rooms have towels, vanity kits and amenities to get the members ready for another meeting.

THE SPA will soon start operating the country's first indoor heated lap pool for aqua aerobics and water shiatsu treatments and the mix-use jacuzzi that can seat 16 people.

Spend thousands to work at looking like a million bucks



THE SPRAWLING gym is outfitted with Technogy's Selection Line, distributed locally by SPORTathlon Philippines.

BY TINA ARCEO-DUMLAO

GROWING health consciousness among young and old executives has made them realize that it is not enough to just earn a considerable salary, they have to feel and look like a million dollars too.

The newly-opened The Spa at the 3rd and 4th floors of the RCBC Plaza along Ayala Ave. claims that it offers what these business leaders need to do just that.

The Spa is one of the biggest in Metro Manila and has complete facilities for strength training, cardiovascular exercises and aerobics.

The club boasts of over 32 cardio machines such as treadmills, rowers, upright bikes, steppers and cross trainers from Technogym's Selection Line, considered the Ferrari of fitness machines because of the ergonomic and functional design.

Club manager Vikki Aquino adds that The Spa has attracted a lot of members because of the variety of the aerobics classes. There are 27 different classes offered and group activities like Aqua Aerobics, Spinning, Powerboxing, Mat-based Pilates and Hi-Lo to remove the monotony often associated with other aerobics classes.

The Spa also invested in providing just the right atmosphere to encourage members to be faithful to their exercise programs. The locker rooms have clean saunas and steam rooms to soothe tired muscles after a rigorous workout.

At the 4th floor is the mix-use jacuzzi and the country's only indoor heated lap pool which is ideal for aqua aerobics and water shiatsu sessions.

The Spa's services extend to a towel service, vanity amenities, anti-

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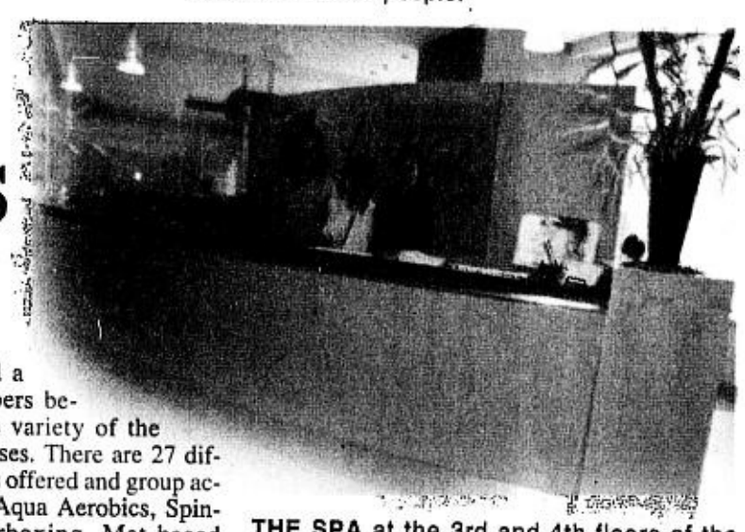

THE SPA at the 3rd and 4th floors of the RCBC Plaza offers quality service from the moment members step through the reception area.

OVER 27 aerobics classes, including some boxing exercises, are offered by The Spa's qualified fitness instructors.

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Combating card fraud with just one microchip

THE PRUDENCE with which Filipinos handle cash card products like ATMs and credit cards makes us less prone than other countries to become victims of several fraudulent operations that cost the industry billions in losses annually.

One of these is called "skimming," which occurs when data from a card's magnetic stripe is copied and re-encoded in another card. Prudent or not, if you've encountered discrepancies in your billing statement, such as charges that amount to hundreds or thousands of pesos that neither you nor your supplementary cardholders have even made, you should suspect that your card may have already been "skimmed."

The devices used to copy the magnetic stripes can be as small as cigarette cases or pagers, and can be worn around the waist to make them even more inconspicuous. Just one swipe across these devices is all it takes to steal the data from your credit, debit, ATM or other cards with magnetic stripes.

Not only through "skimming" can magnetic stripe data be stolen. In the Internet alone, thousands of credit card numbers are illegally downloaded and used annually either through the websites of banks or merchants. Even card industry experts agree that fraud technologies continue to keep pace with the advances in security system technologies.

This alarming scenario poses the challenge of creating a foolproof data storage device to combat fraud. This is why the arrival of the chip-based card - a card that stores cash values and many other information in a single microchip - is hailed as a major step in terms of giving users utmost convenience and security.

For one, the physical chip hardware itself makes "skimming" impossible. Then there's the sophisticated level of encryption methods to keep data under its protection, and enable the chip card to transfer the information only to another legitimate chip.

A chip-based cash card is different from the common microchip-enabled cards being used for payphones or cellular phone SIMs. These advanced chip cards are designed to store and operate multiple data and applications and conduct various transactions.

The country's most dynamic chip-based card, Mondex Card, is by far the most advanced since it is the only one built around an operating system called MULTOS (multi-application operating system). MULTOS in turn is the only chip-based card system developed under the ITSEC (Information Technology Security Evaluation Committee) using its highest level of software design process, level E6, one that is used only in most military applications.

The Mondex chip itself is developed, manufactured and incorporated onto cards in secure, controlled environments. Rigorous physical and electronic security measures are continuously applied in the process to ensure the integrity of the chip, operating system software, and Mondex application software. As a last precaution, a PIN code is needed to generate a transaction from one chip card to another, thus preventing another individual from hacking into a lost or stolen card.

These security measures, coupled with the convenience of "cashless" transaction it brings, makes more and more merchant establishments become Mondex-accredited partners. The growing list already includes many major restaurants and boutiques in Shangri-La Plaza Mall and Robinsons Galleria, where Mondex top-up stations are in place to help customers purchase and reload their chip-based cards.

By managing to resist any acts of fraud, the Mondex Card is expected to become the transition tool that will enable prudent Filipino cardholders to live up to a new card-carrying lifestyle - one centered on security, confidence and peace of mind.

Spend thousands to work . . .

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oxidant lemon water and exercise kits for each workout so that members don't have to bring a bulky gym bag.

Completing the long list of facilities is The Spa Clinique where members can avail of a wide variety of massage, facial and body treatments. It also offers waxing and eye beauty treatments.

Aquino says the complete line of strength and cardio vascular machines and aerobics combined with clean and welcoming surroundings encourage many executives to combat a sedentary and stressful lifestyle.

"We are convinced that a renewed level of fitness will help you overcome moments of fatigue and stress, and this will provide you the energy and stamina to face any situation in the workplace or at home. We have programs, facilities, services and treatments that will look after the body-mind-spirit connection," Aquino adds.

Members who want to join are required to pay a one-time joining fee of P30,000 a monthly membership due of P2,700.

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RP hosts water trade show and confab

IN support of the ongoing all-out campaign to ensure clean water and safe water environment, Aquapurex Asia 2001 and Waterex Asia 2001, will once again gather under one roof the leading international and local water treatment industry professionals to share their expertise and showcase various related modern technologies and systems that are needed to effectively carry out this urgent mission. Now in its third edition, this four-day event is organized by Exposition Communications Group Inc. (Expocomm) which can be contacted at 897-9494 and 8951682.

In just five years, demand for freshwater had multiplied six-fold signaling an impending water crisis in the Philippines and all of Asia. This rise in demand was twice the rate of population growth between 1990 and 1995. An Asian Development Bank survey indicates that in 42 Asian cities, including Metro Manila, supplies lag behind migration and population growth. Limited supplies of potable and safe water in Asian urban centers are now starting to show the strain. Water pollution is the most serious problem facing the Asian region. Contaminating the already limited supplies exacerbates the shortages for safe water requirements. United Nations estimates that suspended solids polluting water could rise by 16 times in high-growth Asian areas. These emerging shortages for safe water are slowly sharpening awareness in both policymakers and consumers on the need to manage water resources more wisely without sacrificing standards.

It is also interesting to note that the worldwide Environmental Health Project (EHP) sponsored by USAID is relentlessly working with the World Health Organization (WHO) and Unicef to effectively address the alarming environmental related health problems and provide technical assistance in areas of water supply, wastewater and sanitation particularly among developing countries. The change of human outlook towards quality water supply was prompted even more by the reported tenacious persistence of diseases and illness associated with contaminated water e.g., diarrhea, cholera, typhoid, hepatitis, cancer, heart troubles, and skin disorders.

PLDT AGREEMENT WITH EPAY ASIA

PLDT recently signed an agreement with ePay Asia Philippines Inc. on the distributorship of PLDT Teletipid cards. These Teletipid cards can now be purchased electronically through e-pay terminals which generate the PIN voucher in loading the Teletipid phones. This is an alternative distribution of Teletipid cards without customers having to purchase the physical card from retail and institutional outlets. Shown is PLDT national retail marketing vice president Jonjon L. San Agustin and ePay Asia Philippines CEO Rob Marabut (seated) during the signing of the agreement. Also shown are (standing, from left) PLDT sales coordinator Tess Guzman, PLDT wholesale/dealer management division head Gigi Astudillo, ePay marketing manager Techie Guzman, and PLDT carrier management coordinator Karen Tiong.

SIDE A PLATINUM COLLECTION OUT NOW

Asia's premier band Side A, MTV's hot artists unleash their best and ultimate greatest hits album ever. "Side A: The Platinum Collection," a 17-track compilation of their multi-platinum selling hits features the carrier single "If Only" from their gold-selling album "Will I Ever". For 15 years Side A has been a part of our lives, through their songs that have not only touched our hearts but are the very threads that weave the story of our lives. Their songs of love and life have made for the most memorable and timeless moments of our existence. And now, surviving the various music trends that have come and gone through the years, Side A proves once and for all that you can never put the truly talented artists of the band down.

Newly launched Fami expresses optimism in RP

FAST-GROWING international mobile phone distributor First Mobile Group recently launched its subsidiary in the Philippines, First Asia Mobile Inc. (Fami). The Hong Kong-based Malaysian company hopes to replicate locally its success in Malaysia, Singapore, China, Hong Kong and the United Kingdom.

"We're certainly excited about doing business here," said Brain Siew, CEO. "With a subscriber base growing the way it is, there certainly are bright prospects ahead for First Asia Mobile."

First Asia Mobile carries Siemens and Samsung mobile phones, which are ranked 2nd and 3rd, respectively, worldwide in terms of market share.

Despite the presence of a dominant brand in the market, Siew remains optimistic, citing their track record in other countries.

"When we began in Malaysia, Siemens had a 1-percent share of the market. Now it's between 12 to 15 percent," Siew explains. "Same thing in China – we started with less than 1 percent of the market, now Siemens is the leading brand there."

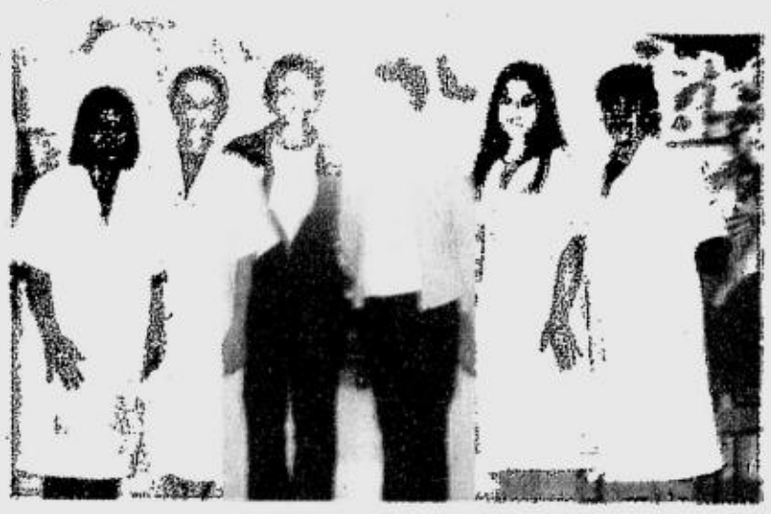
To gain foothold in the already crowded Philippine mobile phone market, First Asia Mobile signed into an exclusive partnership with Globe Telecom to offer Siemens and Samsung units to its subscribers.

The company is also setting its sights on making its name synonymous with value-added services, focusing on high-level after-sales service for end-users, and on an aggressive marketing stance with its dealers. By the third quarter of the year, it hopes to establish points of presence in all key cities of the country to be able to offer these value-added services to both end-users and dealers.

Apart from its mobile phone distribution business, First Mobile Group is also a majority shareholder in ePay Asia, with First Asia Mobile having exclusive rights to install ePay terminals in the Philippines. ePay terminals will dispense PIN numbers for pre-paid phone subscriptions, doing away with the need to purchase actual prepaid phone cards.

BPI DONATES CD-ROM, VIDEO

On the occasion of its 150th anniversary, the Bank of the Philippine Islands (BPI) recently donated the CD-ROM version of Emma Blair and James Robertson's "The Philippine Islands, 1493-1898" to the Department of Education, Culture and Sports (DECS) and the National Library. BPI Foundation chair Fernando Zobel de Ayala presented Education Secretary Raul Roco and National Library assistant director Prudenciana Cruz, who represented director Adoracion Mendoza, with the CD-ROM. The event was held at the Filipinas Heritage Library in Makati. In its original book, form, "The Philippine Islands" is made up of 55 volumes. In the CD-ROM version, the extensive historical data is compressed into two discs totaling 1.3 gigabytes. BPI is the only bank mentioned in "The Philippine Islands". It was established in 1851 and was originally known as Banco Español Filipino de Isabel II by then Spanish Governor General Yturralde. Shown are (from left) BPI Family Bank president Aurelio Montinola III, Zobel de Ayala, Cruz (representing director Adoracion Mendoza) and Sec. Roco.



FRESHAIRE NOW AT DAVAO CITY

Freshaire, the original hair straightening specialist, has opened its newest branch at Gaisano Mall of Davao to better serve the residents of Davao and Mindanao. The new branch offers Freshaire's original hair straightening and the new Hair Straight Plus. Both treatments use Freshaire's own effective formula to give you soft, silky straight hair with a lot more shine. Special hot oil and hair treatments for different types of hair, cellophane using only pure and genuine Sebastian Colourshines, the exciting colors of Highlights, L'Oreal's Nuancelle Gloss Color, and Schwarzkopf's Igora Personality Color are also available at Freshaire. Freshaire at Gaisano Mall of Davao is located at the 3rd level (beside Bookshop). Customers can expect the same pleasant experience and friendly service from specially trained hairdressers. Opening discounts on selected services are being given for a limited period. The Freshaire staff are shown: (from left) Terry Cruda, Flor Pugay, Marlyn Boreres, Melvin Dimaano, Mely Maglocot and Analie Laude.

RV Marzan gets ISO 9002 certification

FOR COUNTLESS companies in all five continents of the world, "just-in-time" inventory, a business strategy that emerged only during the 20th century, has served as a key in minimizing costs and maximizing profitability.

Indeed, this demand from various-sized companies that raw materials and finished goods arrive and leave at the appointed schedule with clockwork precision has made the freight forwarding industry more demanding and competitive.

"It is an absolute must that companies in our industry should go back to their very core and focus on total quality assurance. In a global sense, this means measuring up to local as well as international standards," says Jose Vicente Umali, vice president and general manager of R.V. Marzan International Forwarders Inc.

R.V. Marzan will officially secure today an ISO 9002 certification (1994 version) for its freight forwarding and warehousing services during an awarding ceremony at the Pan-Pacific Hotel.

The certification comes after 19 grueling months of reassessing, streamlining and orienting various internal processes towards exceeding the expectations of clients.

In order to attain ISO certification, a company must be able to clearly demonstrate to the certifying body that it can meet pre-set international quality control standards in manufacturing a product or, in the case of RV Marzan, delivering a service.

"A big bulk of what we had to do to get the ISO 9002 certification was to invest in our people through training, in world-class facilities, and in information technology. In the end, everyone from the rank and file and employee to top management gained a deeper appreciation of how they contribute towards the company's vision of being a comprehensive global logistics partner for its clients," reveals Umali.

The process also involved putting together manuals which detail the different responsibilities of each position and physical improvements as well as upgrading of office facilities in the work area.

In terms of results, employees were reoriented towards achieving goals and a "right-the-first-time" attitude. For the company, efficiency in documentation has not only eliminated shipment delays but has also provided management with a system of checks and balances that closely monitors key performance benchmarks.

"When most business assess their efficiency, they rely solely on periodic sales figures and bottom line figures. The new system we have implemented allows us to monitor the performance of the company on a daily basis. This way, any snags or snitches can be nipped in the bud," explains Umali.

Company officials report that the new ISO 9002 certified processes being implemented by RV Marzan have improved cost-efficiency by 20 to 30 percent, allowing the 10-year-old freighting firm to come closer to its goal of becoming the market leader in the freighting industry.

PHILIPS AT BOMAP SHOW

Philips Lighting Electronics and Gears business group manager Dennis Nazario (left) receives a plaque of recognition from Building Owners and Managers Association of the Phils. Inc. (Bomap) president Philip Tan for the division's contribution to the success of the Philippine Building Show 2001 at the Megatrade Hall 1 of SM Megamall. Now on its 5th year, the annual project gathers the best in safety maintenance, security, building automation, interior and exterior technologies, renovation technology and building management systems. Philips showcased its latest high-intensity discharge (HID) and high frequency (HF) lighting technologies during the event.

FOOD FRANCHISING 2001

Frio-Mixx is offering its franchise to entrepreneurs who want to invest into food business. Frio-Mixx has 25 branches in Metro Manila that serve a wide variety of food and drinks. Recently, it has signed a contract with Food Franchising 2001, the 5th International Food Franchising and Business Systems Exposition in conjunction with AsiaFood Expo 2001 to be held from Sept. 5 to 8 at the World Trade Center, Metro Manila. Signing the contract were Lizette Cruz, project manager, Trade Information Marketing & Exhibitions Inc., organizer of Food Franchising 2001 and Arian Lim, president of Frio-Mixx. Witnessing the event were (from left) Janice Sy, supervisor of Frio-Mixx and Marivic Salvani, trade promotions officer, Trade Information Marketing & Exhibitions Inc.

BTS Clips

'Araw ni Lolo at ni Lola'

THE MEDICAL City's NCC-Wise Center, in cooperation with Novartis, Aventis Pasteur, and Mead Johnson bring you "Araw ni Lolo, Araw ni Lola". On designated days, there will be free memory screening for the first 30 to register in each satellite clinic, free flu and pneumonia vaccines for the first 50 to register on each satellite clinic, and free nutritional drink supplement. Anyone 60 years old and above can visit and register at any of the three Medical City's Satellite Clinics at the place near your locality: Antipolo – 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 2; Cainta – 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 16; and Pasig – 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 30. The best time to start prevention and treatment is now.

DHRD courses in Ateneo

THE HUMAN Resources Center (HRC) Ateneo is inviting all HRD specialists and managers to enroll in the Diploma in Human Resource Development (DHRD). The program offers alternative solutions that can contribute to a proactive human resource development culture in one's organization. The DHRD is composed of three distinct certificate courses: certificate in organization development (Sept. 3 to 14), certificate in professional training and development (Sept. 24 to Oct. 5), and certificate in performance and career development (Nov. 5 to 16). Call 426-6065 and look for Kim Pe or e-mail admuhrc@admu.edu.ph for more details.

FREE FEMCARE PRODUCTS

Kimberly-Clark Philippines Inc. feminine care marketing – senior product manager Aileen Joaquin (second from left) hands out free samples to an inmate at the Correctional Institute for Women, Mandaluyong City. Over 860 inmates and jail officers received the free samples from K-CPI as part of the company's several activities in commemoration of Women's Month. Witnessing the event is K-CPI product manager Beverly Fugaban (extreme left). Newtex pads and liners, Kotex White pads and the new Kotex Fresh Breathable Pantiliners are quality products of Kimberly-Clark Philippines Inc. (K-CPI).

Edible-flowers fan turns yard into small business

SANTA FE—Pat Walke, hungry for a career change, turned a big back yard into a small business.

The bachelor buttons, hollyhocks, lavender and mums growing behind her house will soon grace dinner tables, and that's by design because the company's name says it all: Edible Flowers.

With her backyard bounty—and other flowers purchased from northern New Mexico farmers—Walke produces vinegar, tea, salad dressings, dip and mustard mixes, and a dried-flower mix called confetti.

"I used to be a therapist, and this was my therapy office," said Walke, standing in a small room attached to her home that was infused with the smell of dill.

One part-time helper mixed salad dressing while another put labels on bottles. Boxes sat nearby, ready for shipping or for the weekly trip to the local farmer's market. On a back porch, nasturtiums dried on a screen.

"This is hollyhock-lavender," Walke said, holding a tall, graceful bottle of vinegar up to the light to inspect the flowers in the dark red liquid.

Eating flowers is nothing new. The ancient Romans used roses, violets and mallows in their kitchens, and flowers are a staple in some European and Asian cuisines, says Cathy Wilkinson Barash in her 1993 book, "Edible Flowers: From Garden To Palate."

In Victorian England, rose petals were included in sweet and savory dishes.

"It seems to be in this century, and perhaps only in this country, that we have forgotten about using flowers to enhance food," Barash wrote.

The resurgence of interest in edible flowers in the past two decades began in trendy restaurants.

"What's happened is, it's moving out of the haute cuisine. People at home are putting it on their salads now," said Stacy Pearl, culinary coordinator at Cookworks, a Santa Fe food emporium that sells Walke's products.

Pete Ferretti, a professor of vegetable crops at The Pennsylvania State University's College of Agricultural Sciences, says when a flower appeared on his plate at his nephew's wedding dinner, he checked with the waitress to make sure it was edible, then passed the word along to other guests.

"It had a great texture, like eating a piece of romaine lettuce—nice and crunchy," he said. "But not a lot of flavor."

Walke bought the house next to a city park about seven years ago, with an eye toward digging up the grass in the back yard and creating raised beds for flowers and herbs.

A two-page spread on edible flowers in a seed catalog had captivated her.

"It just swept me away, the idea of it," said Walke, who after two decades as a psychotherapist was ready for a change.

Turning the Santa Fe soil—largely clay pocked with sandpits—into a good medium for growing was a chore.

"I might as well have just put dollar bills straight into the earth, because I've enriched it so much," Walke groaned, surveying the backyard beds, heavily mulched with straw in order to conserve the water that she siphons from rain barrels or delivers by soaker hose.

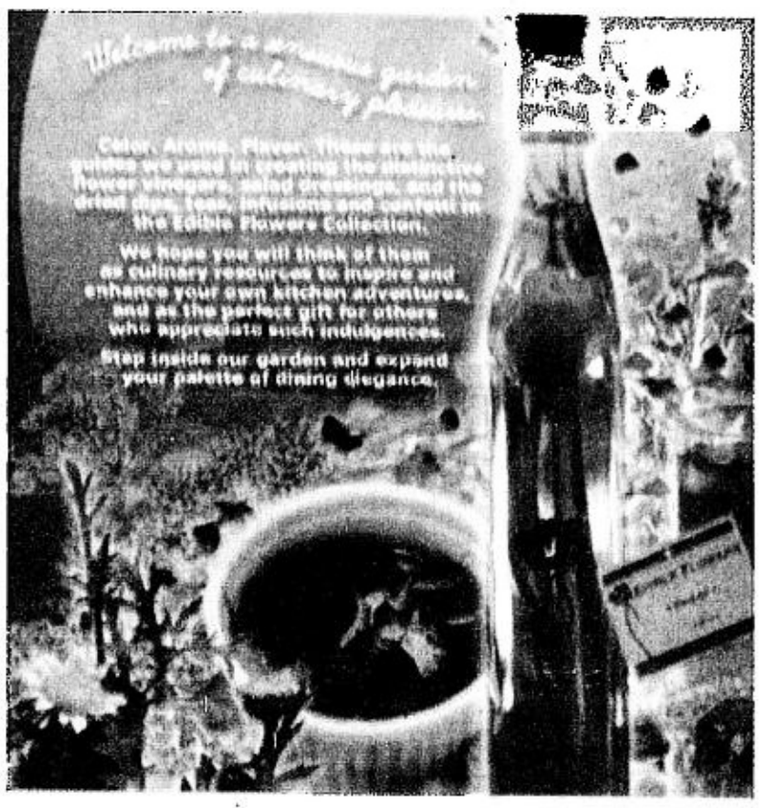
She began the business as a full-time enterprise in 1998, and it has grown slowly since then, with about $50,000 in sales last year. The products get shipped to shops in nine other states.

"There's an image thing with edible flowers," Walke said. "People are just enchanted. It's sort of romantic."

Barash warns her readers to eat flowers only when they are sure they're edible—and not just because they appear on a plate. Some flowers are poisonous.

Her other cautions: Eat only flowers grown organically, and not those from florists, nurseries or garden centers; don't eat flowers picked along roadsides, which can be contaminated by car emissions.

Don't eat flowers if you have allergies, asthma or hay fever; eat only the petals; and introduce flowers into your diet gradually.



Product . . .

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Packaging and shrink films are types of plastic sheets wrapped around CD packs, video tapes, tableware, toys, pizza, poultry, etc.

Brittany-based Bollore Technologies is one of the leaders in France and Europe in the production of these types of film and the technology to convert them into pre-cut bags form. It exports to Asia and will be investing heavily on US operations.

Bollore, through local distributor Loopex Packaging Product Inc., is bullish about prospects in the Philippines. A new entrant up against mainly Taiwanese competitors, Bollore has achieved surprising success with its Bolphane brand, officials say.

Bolphane is used to increase the attraction of products in retail shops, to protect products from dust or damage and as tamper evident protection.

In a press kit, Bollore notes that Nestlé in the Philippines uses shrink film in logistic centers as well as in 15 co-packing centers. By adopting Bolphane quality shrink film, some Nestlé co-packing centers reduced their rejection rate from 15 percent to 5 percent while productivity increased by 10 percent.

Bolphane can be operated faster than any other film and this performance allows the customer to improve margin by a few cents per product pack, Bollore says.

The company also got a boost from warehouse shopping chain Makro, which required local suppliers to meet certain international standards of packaging.

Bollore aims to increase its market share in the Philippines to 20 percent this year and to bring this to as much as 50 percent by 2003.

Designing dies

Plastiques De L'Arvor is an ISO 9001 certified company that makes what packaging machines can't do without, the mold or so-called tooling die.

This mold determines the shape or design of the end packaging product. Recall those plastic trays where a dozen tempting pieces of chocolate lie or a simple salad tray like what hamburger chain Wendy's uses.

Someone like Plastiques designed them.

Gerard Le Rouzic, project manager of Plastiques who toured the group of journalists around, says the company has around 2,000 mold shapes on its shelves and it can create up to 100 new shapes per year.

Once a prototype mold has been designed it goes through the process of tooling, stamping, machining and then testing.

Rouzic says Plastiques can work on any kind of material, from simple plastics such as PPS, PSP, PES to more complex ones like PVC. PVC migrates into the food so in Germany, companies there prefer to use PET, he explains.

He adds that the main feature of PET, the plastic used for those mineral water bottles, is its transparency though it is more expensive. Polypropylene is microwaveable so this is also a preferred plastic for food companies.

On average, it takes four to five months for a tool die or mold to be ready for production after an order. The price of tooling or making the mold may vary from 18,000 to 100,000 French francs depending on the shapes and materials to be used.

The design department of Plastiques adapt their ideas to given specifications of customers and use state of the art technology at each stage of the project: computer-assisted drawing, resin based prototypes and precision machining.

The company started on a small manual machine but now Plastiques uses super robotic equipment. Each machine investment amounts to FF3 million each.

The company also has five compactors for recycling, each one dedicated to one type of plastic material. Plastic complexes are not recyclable.

AsiaFood Expo will be holding its 10th international exposition on food processing, packaging and handling this week from Sept. 5 to 8 at the world Trade Center. You can check out some of the French companies above like Bollore and Mecaplastic at the exhibit.

SundayBIZ

Product packaging the French way

BY ELENA R. TORRIJOS

A TRIP last April to France upon the invitation of CFME-ACTIM, the Agency for the International Promotion of French Technology and Trade, revealed how producing yogurt containers, juice packs and a host of other grocery items is a large, complex business that can spell doom or success of a product.

MECAPLASTIC machine being built

Usually, when consumers go to the supermarket or department store and scour the rows and rows of products, they choose what to buy based on the price, product and the packaging.

French packaging companies have been constantly exploring new technologies to ensure that food and beverages last longer, taste fresher, as well as making containers sturdier or more appealing.

Unfamiliar technical terms such as "thermoforming" and "shrink sleeve" seemed daunting at first but by the end of the five-day tour of factories in Paris, Normandy, Brittany and Champagne, the words were easily rolling off the tongues of the three journalists invited to the program.

Below is a discussion of the more interesting trends and technologies in the international packaging industry as typified by French companies, many of which are world leaders in their special fields.

Sleever

When Mule, Smirnoff's vodka-based alcoholic soda, invaded the drinking scene in Manila, every yuppie started ordering the alcopop in bars across town.

Aside from the taste, one could probably credit the drink's appeal to its intriguing shiny copper packaging, so different then from other bottles that simply had a paper label pasted on them, if at all.

Mule's copper coat sprang from the so-called shrink sleeve technology, which involves the manipulation of a plastic film that is wrapped around containers usually no bigger than a magnum of champagne.

The shrink sleeve technology has not only touched glass alcohol bottles, but also many other containers for a wide range of products from food to beauty care to pharmaceuticals. Behold the smooth, glossy outfits of the new Milo or Bear Brand plastic bottles or the elegant exteriors of Paco Rabanne's Ultraviolet and other perfumes.

FROM left: Georges Sorek, Gerard Le Rouzic, Gall Gollecalenther, Jerome Chambon, Ronnel Tiburcio

One French company that specializes in shrink sleeve technology is Sleever International Co., which produces an exclusive brand of products called the Sleever.

The Sleever has a variety of packaging features. The surface of the film can be made smooth or frosted; the finish, transparent, metallic, opalescent or iridescent; and, for special effects, fluorescent or phosphorescent.

Jean Charles Fresnel, Sleever International's vice president for sales and marketing, points out that Sleever offers maximum protection and integrated functions.

For example, the Sleever can provide the following features: anti-theft, barrier effects, anti-dust and humidity protection and traceability.

Traceability allows manufacturers of the product to imprint on the film or sleeve any information useful in identifying the production origin, like from what batch, plant manufactured or what destination intended.

Meanwhile, barrier effects stop or minimize the entry of light, certain gases and materials from affecting the product inside the container.

"Everyone's trying to reduce cost and be attractive and Sleever in some cases is the solution," Fresnel says.

Beyond yogurt

Europe is a yogurt-crazy continent. There are all types of flavors and, of course, ways to package them.

Mecaplastic specializes in designing and producing two large ranges of packaging machines. One is used to make cup or bowl-like containers or "trays" like that for the typical yogurt product and the other to seal them with that plastic film that consumers end up peeling off.

The former are called "thermoforming" machines while the latter are called "tray sealing" machines.

Thermoforming, according to the Harcourt dictionary, is a category of processing methods that use vacuum, air pressure, or mechanical energy to force a heated thermoplastic sheet into the shape of a mold; after cooling, the plastic part is removed from the mold and trimmed.

The company produces various ranges of thermoforming and tray sealing machines, 80 percent of which end up being used for the food business and 20 percent cater to non-food market, primarily pharmaceutical and industrial sectors.

Jean Marc Dore, Mecaplastic international marketing director, says that with machines involving "vacuum and gas flushing," which seals multi-layer film around the thermoformed pack or tray, shelf life of products are extended and quality is improved.

Fish, which usually stays fresh for only five to nine days on the shelf, can now last as long as 10 to 17 days with these technologies, he notes.

Mecaplastic's machines are also easy to use in the production process. It takes a short time, as quick as five minutes, to change tooling from a round pack to a square pack for a tray sealing machine, Dore says.

The newest modular thermoforming machines feature a brushless motor that allows very fast and accurate advance of the packaging across the line. Also, lifting mechanisms for thermoforming, sealing and cutting systems run in a sealed oil bath to give permanent lubrication and long component life.

Mecaplastic offers its machines in the Philippines through Europe Continents and buyers can send production people to France for training. The Department of Science and Technology, in fact, has ordered one tray sealing and one thermoforming machine each from the French firm for a planned packaging center.

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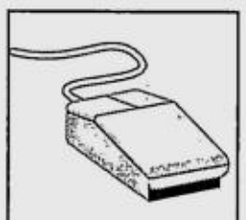

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His remains lie in state at the Royal Chapel, Holy Trinity Memorial Chapels, Parañaque City.

Interment will be on Wednesday, September 05, 2001 after the 9:00 a.m. Mass at the Royal Chapel of Holy Trinity Memorial Chapels, Parañaque.

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of Laoag City

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Her remains lie in state at the Mata Family residence in Laoag City. Interment will be at the Laoag City Municipal Cemetery on September 5, 2001 after the 8:00 a.m. Mass at the Philippine Independent Church, Laoag City.

"Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."
Matt. 11:28

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"For this Hobo, Jesus is coming again that where Jesus is, there this Hobo may be also."

Atty. Nestor M. Tanyag

(June 8, 2001 - August 31, 2001)

His bereaved wife **Amy**, loving children **Nesa, Trina** and **Jay**, relatives and friends, request your prayers for the repose of his soul.

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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2001

San Isidro Parish Church ..... 6:00 a.m.
Taft Ave., Pasay City

St. Benedict College Chapel ..... 6:15 a.m.
Alabang Hills, Muntinlupa City

St. Anthony's Cathedral ..... 6:15 a.m.
Masbate, Masbate

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Chantilly, Virginia

Santuario de San Antonio ..... 12:15 p.m.
Forbes Park, Makati City

St. Andrew the Apostle Church ..... 6:30 p.m.
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Church of the Resurrection ..... 6:30 p.m.
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Transfiguration of Our Lord Church ..... 7:00 p.m.
Murphy, Quezon City

Tony's widow **Mariquita Bautista Lim**; sons **Tom, Louie,** and **Bob**; daughter **Missy Brodowski**; sister **Eva Lim Pasagui** and her children; and **Mariquit's** siblings **Mely, Dodie Willis, Laly, Ted,** and **Nina Quiray** and their families request relatives, friends and the kind reader to remember him in their prayers.

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3. **Our Lady of Fatima Parish** — All Masses
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4. **Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary** — All Masses
   Multinational Village, Parañaque, Metro Manila
5. **Parish of the Holy Sacrifice** — 7:00 AM
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6. **Sta. Maria Della Strada Parish** — 7:30 AM
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Her surviving children **Gloria, Oscar Jr., Rosalinda**; sons and daughters-in-law; and grandchildren, request relatives, friends, and pious readers to join them in praying for the eternal repose of her soul.

On the **25th Death Anniversary** of

Consolacion Pineda-Syquia

(February 16, 1900 — September 2, 1976)

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REYNALDO O. LAFORTEZA

(1935 - 2001)

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Please take notice that **MS. EUNICE L. GARCIA**, whose last known address is at **Block 11, Lot 16, Schilling Street, Green Park Village, Cainta, Rizal**, is no longer connected with **Aloha Arithmetic School** effective **June 30, 2001**.

Please take notice also that a criminal complaint for estafa is presently pending against Ms. Garcia with the National Bureau of Investigation.

Any information regarding the whereabouts of Ms. Garcia may be given to Atty. Esteban Y. Mendoza at telephone numbers **687-1195** & **687-1196**.

MARTINEZ & MENDOZA
Counsel of Aloha Arithmetic School
604 Cityland Shaw Tower
Shaw Boulevard cor. St. Francis Street
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(PDI - Sept. 2, 2001)

National Power Corporation

REINVITATION TO BID FOR THE SALE OF UNSERVICEABLE ITEMS "AS IS, WHERE IS"

DATE AND TIME OF BIDDING : SEPTEMBER 12, 2001 AT 2:00 P.M.

The National Power Corporation, Genco 3 & 6 invites interested parties to bid on various unserviceable/scrap items listed below;

Lot#	Description of Unserviceable Items	Qty/Unit	Location	Min. Bid
6	One (1) Lot Scrap Materials composed of: Approximately 1,105 tons used and scrap pipes, elbows, pump, EMSCO - D-500 trailer mounted with; 1 set air compressor, 1 unit engine, 1 set pump, 745 pieces assorted used tires, 1 pc. drilling water/cement tank, 10 pieces automotive batteries, assorted waste consist of: heise gauges, element pressures, temperatures, clocks kister, fan hubs, shaft gears, helica gear, reducers, coupling, bearing more or less 500 kilos - PB-2	1 Lot	TGPP	P2,779,000.00/Lot
8	One (1) Lot Junked/Scrap Items composed of: 1 unit Mazda Van, Plate#SDJ-632, 1 set socket wrench, 1 unit multi tester analog, 11 pieces airpot, electric-asrtd. 1 ea. overhead projector, camera, welding machine, 10 pcs-calculators, 6 pieces bundy clocks, 2 units printers- 2170, 1 ea. Fluke, vacuum cleaner, white board, 2 ea. Grinders, chain blocks, helmet weldings, 1ea. Plasma cutter, helmet motorized air filter, gauge protector, 6 units printers - LQ-1170, 1 unit vacuum portable, gauge manifold, 2 pieces jack hammers, 1 ea. pressure calibrator, welding machine inverter, spectrop'mer, compartment, stirrer corning, chain block 3 ton cap, cabinet filing, 12 pcs PCU, assorted, 7 pieces monitors, 11 pieces keyboard, 13 pcs mouse, 1 ea, deskjet printer, v-meter, electric stove, oxy-acetylene, 10 pcs. punchers. 8 pcs staplers, 2 PCs sharpeners, 1 disk bank, 10 pcs flshlights rechargeables, 1 ea. electric planner, 2 pcs engine motors, 54 pcs. auto batteries, 366 pcs. tires, 27 pieces tires w/ rims, 2500 kgs. scrap parts, 117 kgs. magnetic wires, 35 assorted cylinders for fire extinguishers, 13 pcs aircon units, 3 units refs, 3 washing machines, 1 ea, welding machine, waterdestiller, dish washer, demineraliser & gas range - PB-2	1 Lot	BACMAN GPP	82,700.00/Lot

Bid in the prescribed form shall be enclosed in a sealed envelop and shall be received until 12:00 noon of September 12, 2001 and be opened at exactly 2:00 P.M. All bids must be submitted at NPC-SLRC Main Office, San Vicente, Biñan, Laguna with the following;

1. Bidder's Bond in the form of Cash, Manager's Check, 5% of the total bid price.
2. Latest Income Tax Return and/or Financial Statement of the Company.

Additional information such as request for inspection and bid form may be obtained from SLRC Main Office with Telephone No. 5208213. Payment of prescribed from and other particulars is P50.00 per set which is not refundable.

The Corporation reserves the right to reject any or all bids, waives formalities found therein and accept offers most advantageous to NPC.

R.D. RAMAS
Manager, Administration & Chairman, RAMSUC-SLRC

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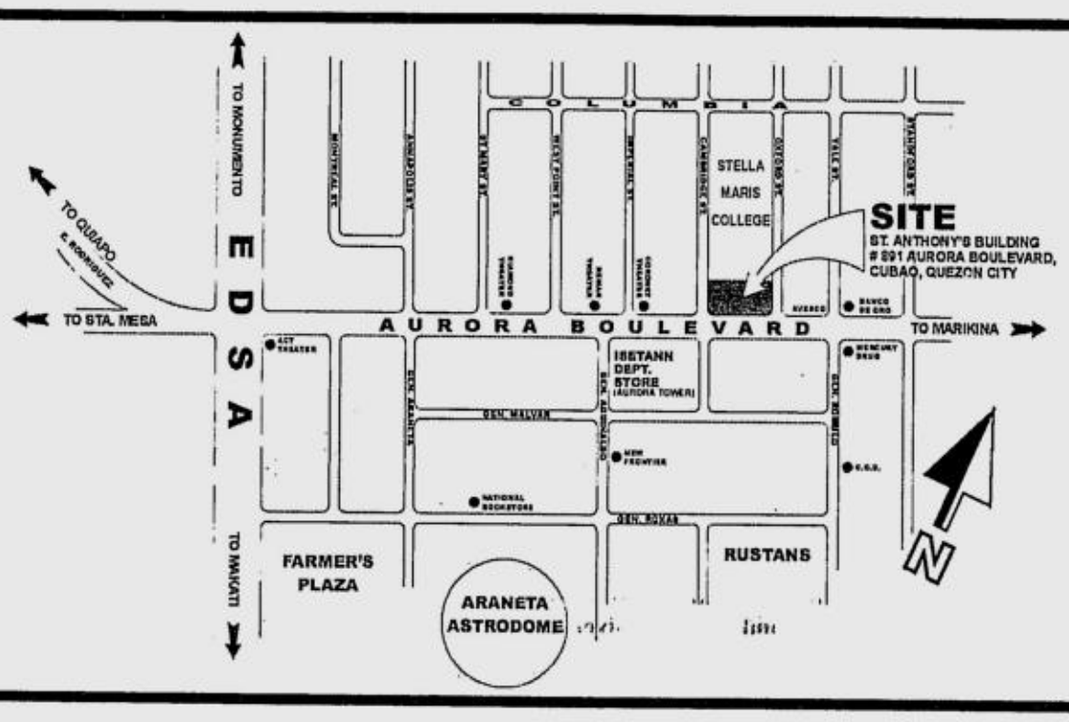

People, Events & Products

ARIES B. ESPINOSA, Assistant Editor

Maybank voted Malaysia's best bank for 2001

MAYBANK has been recently voted as Malaysia's best bank by Euromoney in its 2001 awards for excellence.

This is the second consecutive year that Maybank has won an award from Euromoney, a renowned international financial publication. Last year, the bank was named best domestic bank in Malaysia.

This year's awards for excellence were contained in the July 2001 issue of Euromoney. It hailed Maybank as a "strong all-around player", citing its status as the largest commercial bank in Malaysia by assets (currently at more than $39 billion), accounting for almost 20 percent of the total assets of all Malaysian commercial banks last year. Maybank also has the largest domestic branch network of 341 branches in Malaysia.

Euromoney also described Maybank's management as competent and armed with long-term strategies. "This contrasts with several banks that are inwardly focused as they try to reorganize their internal structures. Despite having merged with Phileo Allied Bank and taking over the banking business of The Pacific Bank, Maybank hasn't been knocked off course and is moving strongly into the retail sector."

Maybank has more than 600 branches worldwide, spanning a large network of operations in 13 countries including the United States, United Kingdom, Singapore and Hong Kong. It is ranked among the top 130 banks in the world and top 5 in Asean. In the Philippines, Maybank has an extensive network of more than 50 branches nationwide, offering services from commercial and consumer banking, investment banking and corporate finance to trust, foreign exchange and remittance services.

ANCHOR BRIGHTER FUTURES FINAL DRAW

Anchor Milk congratulates the winners of the exclusive 'Brighter Futures' grand draw held May 10. The promo was run throughout Mercury Drug Stores nationwide, from Jan. 8 to April 27. The two major prizes were awarded to Artemus Trinidad Castillo of San Isidro, Makati City, who won a CAP plan worth P200,000 and Liza C. Janeo of General Trias, Cavite who won a CAP plan worth P100,000. Anchor also wishes to congratulate the winning 'suking tindahans': the Mercury Drug Pasay Malibay branch and the Imus Nueno Avenue branch. Looking on are (from left) Alfie Balquin, Richard Tay, and Sarah Hocken from New Zealand Milk (Phils.); Anna Sobrepena (CAP), Mario C. Marron, Jr. (New Zealand Milk Phils.), Len Jose and Ciony Bonaobra (DTI representative).

SIEMENS HITS THE MALLS WITH THE PBA

Siemens Mobile Phones presented the SM Supermalls' Philippine Basketball Association (PBA) Timeout activities held at selected SM Malls around the country. PBA Timeout offered many fun activities for basketball aficionados, including the PBA look-alike contest held on June 10 at the SM Megamall. The winners of the contest received Siemens Mobile Phones. Shown above is the Siemens booth at the SM Megamall.

Junior Health Workers provide services to poor kids

WITH THE GOAL of improving the health of street and urban poor children in District V of Metro Manila, Childhope Asia Philippines (CHAP), together with the support of World Health Organization (WHO) – Geneva embarked on a pilot project called "A Coordinated Response to Address prevailing barriers to the provision and utilization of Health Services to and by street and urban poor children and adolescents", or popularly known as Junior Health Workers (JHW) Project.

The project has successfully trained 135 street adolescents on health issues like common ailments, personal hygiene, respiratory and skin diseases, STDs, and AIDS. They were also trained by University of the Philippines-Philippine General Hospital Department of Emergency Medical Services (UP-PGH DEMS) for six months on basic life support and first aid. These certified paramedics refer children to health centers, administer first aid and conduct advocacy sessions on health and other important topics to street and urban poor children in their area. There are now 79 committed and responsible JHWs in active duty.

Having participated in this project, the Junior Health Workers feel a sense of pride and fulfillment, as they are able to help not only themselves but their peers as well. They serve as role models who encourage them to become more conscious of their health and lifestyle. The project continually provides the children with opportunities for meaningful and worthwhile activities.

CHAP is a non-profit, non-government organization working to promote the welfare of street children in the Philippines and Asian regions. The Junior Health Workers Project is in conjunction with the organization's mission. For inquiries on CHAP or for contributions to this project, call CHAP at 563-4647, fax 563-2242, e-mail chap@childhope.org.ph, or

FIRST E-BANK RAFFLE WINNER

Iloilo-J.M. Basa branch depositor Dr. Rey Cejar (fourth from left) won the special prize in the third quarterly draw of the bank's 1st e-Class Raffle Promotion – a world-class Swiss men's executive watch worth P150,000. Shown handing the prize to the lucky winner is Carlos A. Pedrosa, First e-Bank president and chief executive officer, flanked by (from left) VP-area head for Visayas Jimmy Go Chikiong, AVP and Iloilo-J.M. Basa branch head Ana Llorente, EVP for marketing Jose Alfredo Villanueva, and EVP-CFO Corazon Estrella. In the same draw, Antonio Gaw, a Padre Rada branch depositor, won a complete Home Entertainment Center consisting of a 50-inch Pioneer TV/Projector, 5-piece Pioneer Theater Sound System, Panasonic VHS player and Pioneer Stereo Component with DVD player worth over P150,000. Four other winners, one each region, won a Palm Pilot hand-held computer while four others also won a Palawan holiday trip for two for a 3-day/2-night stay at Club Noah. 40 depositors each won a consolation prize of P1,000 in gift checks. The grand draw prize is a Mercedez Benz E-240.

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Invitation for Bids

Social Expenditure Management Project II
Department of Health, Philippines

Supply and Delivery of Oral Contraceptives
IFB No. WB-SEMP2-2001-003

1. This invitation for bids follows the general procurement notice for this project that appeared in Development Business, issue no. 564 of **August 16, 2001.**
2. The Government of the Philippines has applied for a loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development toward the cost of Social Expenditure Management Project II, and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this loan to payments under the contract for which this invitation for bids is issued.
3. The Department of Health now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the supply and delivery of Oral Contraceptives.

Items	Unit	Quantity
Oral Contraceptives	cycles	7,000,000

4. Bidding will be conducted through the international competitive bidding a procedure specified in the World Bank's Guidelines: Procurement under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits, and is open to all bidders from eligible source countries as defined in the Guidelines.
5. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from the Procurement and Logistics Service and inspect the bidding documents at the address given below from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday.

   Procurement and Logistics Service
   Department of Health
   San Lazaro Compound
   Sta. Cruz, Manila
   Philippines
   Tel. No. (632) 711-6831
   Telefax No. (632) 711-6712
6. A complete set of bidding documents in English may be purchased by interested bidders on the submission of a written application to the address above and upon payment of a nonrefundable fee of Five Thousand Pesos (Php5,000) or US$250 including air courier for foreign bidders. The method of payment will be cash, or bank draft. Information including names of potential bidders and contact persons telephone and facsimile numbers, cable, e-mail and mailing address should be provided in the application to facilitate communications during the bidding process.
7. Bids must be delivered to the address below before 2:00 p.m. on **October 19, 2001.** All bids must be accompanied by a bid security of not less than 2.5% of total bid. Late bids will be rejected outright and returned unopened to the bidder.
8. Prior to bid opening, a pre-bidding conference will be held at the following address at 2:00 p.m. on **September 28, 2001.**

   Multi-Media Conference Room
   Bldg.#18, Department of Health
   San Lazaro Compound
   Sta. Cruz, Manila
   Philippines
9. Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend at the address above at 2:01 p.m. of **October 19, 2001.**

By the authority of the Secretary of Health:
(Sgd.) **ZENAIDA O. LUDOVICE, MD, MPH**
Assistant Secretary
Chairperson, Bids and Awards Committee

(PDI – Aug. 25, 26 & Sept. 2, 2001)

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Invitation for Bids

Social Expenditure Management Project II
Department of Health, Philippines

Supply and Delivery of Anti-Rabies Vaccines
IFB No. WB-SEMP2-2001-005

1. This invitation for bids follows the general procurement notice for this project that appeared in Development Business, issue no. 564 of **August 16, 2001.**
2. The Government of the Philippines has applied for a loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development toward the cost of Social Expenditure Management Project II, and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this loan to payments under the contract for which this invitation for bids is issued.
3. The Department of Health now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the supply and delivery of Anti-Rabies Vaccines.

Items	Unit	Quantity
1. Human Anti-Rabies Vaccine (Verorab)	vials	58,000 vials
2. Equine Rabies Anti-Serum	vials	10,000 vials
3. Anti-Rabies Dog Vaccine	vials	32,000 vials

4. Bidding will be conducted through the international competitive bidding a procedure specified in the World Bank's Guidelines: Procurement under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits, and is open to all bidders from eligible source countries as defined in the Guidelines.
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Invitation for Bids

Social Expenditure Management Project II
Department of Health, Philippines

Supply and Delivery of TB Laboratory Supplies
IFB No. WB-SEMP2-2001-002

1. This invitation for bids follows the general procurement notice for this project that appeared in Development Business, issue no. 564 of **August 16, 2001.**
2. The Government of the Philippines has applied for a loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development toward the cost of Social Expenditure Management Project II, and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this loan to payments under the contract for which this invitation for bids is issued.
3. The Department of Health now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the supply and delivery of TB Laboratory Supplies.

Items	Unit	Quantity
1. TB Staining Kit	kit	12,000 kits
2. Microscopic Immersion Oil	bottle	14,000 bottles
3. Glass Slides	box of 72 pcs.	50,000 boxes
4. Sputum Cups	pieces	3,000,000 pieces

4. Bidding will be conducted through the international competitive bidding a procedure specified in the World Bank's Guidelines: Procurement under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits, and is open to all bidders from eligible source countries as defined in the Guidelines.
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7. Bids must be delivered to the address below before 9:00 a.m. on **October 19, 2001.** All bids must be accompanied by a bid security of not less than 2.5% of total bid. Late bids will be rejected outright and returned unopened to the bidder.
8. Prior to bid opening, a pre-bidding conference will be held at the following address at 9:00 a.m. on **September 28, 2001.**

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Invitation for Bids

Social Expenditure Management Project II
Department of Health, Philippines

Supply and Delivery of Various EPI Vaccines
IFB No. WB-SEMP2-2001-004

1. This invitation for bids follows the general procurement notice for this project that appeared in Development Business, issue no. 564 of **August 16, 2001.**
2. The Government of the Philippines has applied for a loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development toward the cost of Social Expenditure Management Project II, and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this loan to payments under the contract for which this invitation for bids is issued.
3. The Department of Health now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the supply and delivery of Various Expanded Program on Immunization (EPI) Vaccines.

Items	Unit	Quantity
1. BCG Vaccines + diluent	vials/ampules	292,500 vials
2. Oral Polio Vaccine w/ VVM	vials/tubes	578,600 vials
3. DPT Vaccine	vials	586,100 vials
4. Live Attenuated Measles Vaccine+diluent	vials	1,053,000 vials
5. Hepa B Vaccine	vials	200,900 vials
6. Tetanus Toxoid Vaccine	vials	455,900 vials

4. Bidding will be conducted through the international competitive bidding a procedure specified in the World Bank's Guidelines: Procurement under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits, and is open to all bidders from eligible source countries as defined in the Guidelines.
5. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from the Procurement and Logistics Service and inspect the bidding documents at the address given below from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday.

   Procurement and Logistics Service
   Department of Health
   San Lazaro Compound
   Sta. Cruz, Manila
   Philippines
   Tel. No. (632) 711-6831
   Telefax No. (632) 711-6712
6. A complete set of bidding documents in English may be purchased by interested bidders on the submission of a written application to the address above and upon payment of a nonrefundable fee of Five Thousand Pesos (Php 5,000) or US$250 including air courier for foreign bidders. The method of payment will be cash, or bank draft. Information including names of potential bidders and contact persons telephone and facsimile numbers, cable, e-mail and mailing address should be provided in the application to facilitate communications during the bidding process.
7. Bids must be delivered to the address below before 9:00 a.m. on **October 16, 2001.** All bids must be accompanied by a bid security of not less than 2.5% of total bid. Late bids will be rejected outright and returned unopened to the bidder.
8. Prior to bid opening, a pre-bidding conference will be held at the following address at 9:00 a.m. on **September 25, 2001.**

   Multi-Media Conference Room
   Bldg. # 18, Department of Health
   San Lazaro Compound
   Sta. Cruz, Manila
   Philippines
9. Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend at the address above at 9:01 a.m. of **October 16, 2001.**

By the authority of the Secretary of Health.
(Sgd.) **ZENAIDA O. LUDOVICE, MD, MPH**
Assistant Secretary
Chairperson, Bids and Awards Committee

(PDI--Aug. 25, 26 & Sept. 2, 2001)

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Health
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
San Lazaro Compound, Rizal Ave., Sta. Cruz, Manila
Tel. No. 711-95-02/03, 743-83-01 loc: 1125, 1126

Invitation for Bids

Social Expenditure Management Project II
Department of Health, Philippines

Supply and Delivery of TB Drugs
IFB No. WB-SEMP2-2001-001

1. This invitation for bids follows the general procurement notice for this project that appeared in Development Business, issue no. 564 of **August 16, 2001.**
2. The Government of the Philippines has applied for a loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development toward the cost of Social Expenditure Management Project II, and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this loan to payments under the contract for which this invitation for bids is issued.
3. The Department of Health now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the supply and delivery of TB drugs.

Items	Unit	Quantity
1. Type I	blister pack	2,200,000 blister pack
2. Type II	blister pack	3,800,000 blister pack
3. Ethambutol tablet	tablets	33,800,000 tablets
4. Pyrazinamide tablet	tablets	1,700,000 tablets
5. Streptomycin, injectable	vial, 1 gram	1,200,000 vials
6. Diluent	vial, 5 ml	1,200,000 vials
7. Pyrazinamide suspension	bottle of 250 mg/5 ml	84,000 bottles
8. Rifampicin suspension	bottle of 200 mg/5 ml	84,000 bottles
9. Isoniazid syrup	bottle of 200 mg/5 ml	56,000 bottles

4. Bidding will be conducted through the international competitive bidding a procedure specified in the World Bank's Guidelines: Procurement under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits, and is open to all bidders from eligible source countries as defined in the Guidelines.
5. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from the Procurement and Logistics Service and inspect the bidding documents at the address given below from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday.

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7. Bids must be delivered to the address below before 2:00 p.m. on **October 12, 2001.** All bids must be accompanied by a bid security of not less than 2.5% of total bid. Late bids will be rejected outright and returned unopened to the bidder.
8. Prior to bid opening, a pre-bidding conference will be held at the following address at 2:00 p.m. on **September 21, 2001.**

   Multi-Media Conference Room
   Bldg. # 18, Department of Health
   San Lazaro Compound
   Sta. Cruz, Manila
   Philippines
9. Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend at the address above at 2:01 p.m. of **October 12, 2001.**

By the authority of the Secretary of Health.
(Sgd.) **ZENAIDA O. LUDOVICE, MD, MPH**
Assistant Secretary
Chairperson, Bids and Awards Committee

(PDI--Aug. 25, 26 & Sept. 2, 2001)

ERRATUM

In the ad of the **Department of Health Office of the Secretary**, published in this paper **August 25** and **26, 2001** Re: Invitation for Bids - Supply and Delivery of **TB Laboratory Supplies IFB No. WB-SEMP2-2001-002, Bids must be delivered before 9:00 a.m.** instead of 2:00 p.m. as printed.

Our Apologies

(PDI - SEPT. 2, 2001)

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SENTRONG SIGLA

August 27, 2001

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID
RPBAC-IPB NO. 2001-02

The Department of Health-Center for Health Development for Metro Manila (CHD-MM) invites all interested bidders to apply for eligibility and to bid for the supply of various drugs and medicines for the use of CHD-MM chargeable against the funds of CHD-MM.

Only duly accredited drug suppliers/manufacturers and/or exclusive distributors as certified by the Suppliers Accreditation Committee for Drugs and Medicines of the DOH are qualified to participate in this bidding.

Bidding documents can be secured from Mr. Henry Mendiola, Building 1, CHD-MM, Welfareville Compound, Brgy. Addition Hills, Mandaluyong City, upon payment of a non-refundable fee of FIVE HUNDRED PESOS, Philippine Currency (P500.00).

Schedule of Activities

a)	**Issuance of Bid Documents**	September 10-14, 2001 (9:00 AM - 3:00 PM) Building 1 2/F, CHD-MM Welfareville Compound, Brgy. Addition Hills Mandaluyong City
b)	**Submission of Eligibility Requirements**	September 21, 2001 (9:00 AM - 12:00 PM) Conference Room, LHAD Building, CHD-MM Welfareville Compound, Brgy. Addition Hills Mandaluyong City
c)	**Pre-bid Conference**	September 21, 2001 (1:30 AM - 3:00 PM) Conference Room, LHAD Building, CHD-MM Welfareville Compound, Brgy. Addition Hills Mandaluyong City
d)	**Submission of Sealed Bids**	September 28, 2001 (9:30 AM to 10:00 AM) Conference Room, LHAD Building, CHD-MM Welfareville Compound, Brgy. Addition Hills Mandaluyong City

For further information, please contact Mr. Henry C. Mendiola or Ms. Arabella A. Torralba, Secretariat, Bids & Awards Committee (BAC), at telephone numbers 718-3098 or 534-4448.

The BAC reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and to annul the bidding process anytime prior to the award of contract, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder or bidders or any obligation to inform the affected bidder or bidders of the grounds for the CHD-MM's action.

(Sgd.) **DAVID J. LOZADA, JR., MD, MPA, CESO IV**
Director IV

(PDI – Sept. 1 & 2, 2001)

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Only pre-qualified bidders as of **September 11, 2001** shall be allowed to participate in the Public Bidding to be held on September 17, 2001 at the SRA Social Hall at 9:00 a.m.

Pre-qualification forms shall be issued starting **September 3, 2001** and the deadline for the submission of said requirements shall be on **September 6, 2001.**

The list of qualified bidders shall be released on **September 11, 2001.** Thereafter, bid forms shall be issued for a non-refundable cost of Php500.00 each.

A pre-bid conference shall be held on **September 13** at the SRA Social hall at 9:00 a.m.

All bids must be accompanied by bid bonds in the amount of 5% of the total cost of the tender or offer-either in cash, Manager's check of GSIS bond.

For further inquiries, please call:
THE SECRETARIAT
SRA Bidding and Awards Committee
Tel. No. 929-6837

The SRA reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any formality or defect therein, and to accept any or all offers that may be considered most advantageous to the SRA.

(Sgd.) **JAMES C. LEDESMA**
Administrator

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DUTY FREE

INVITATION TO BID

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   9. Janitorial Services
   10. Trucking and Hauling Services
   11. Equipment Rental (Computer with printer/Forklift/Copying Machines)
   12. Brokerage/Forwarder Services
2. All interested parties may secure pre-qualification form for a non-refundable fee of Five Hundred Pesos (Php 500.00) on **September 3-6, 2001** from the **Purchasing Department, DUTY FREE PHILIPPINES, New Fiestamall, Ninoy Aquino Avenue, Parañaque City**. Submission of duly accomplished pre-qualification form shall be until **September 12, 2001** at 5:00 PM.
3. Bidders will be required to post a bid bond equivalent to Five (5%) percent of their total bid in the form of cash, manager's check, cashier's check or surety bond from GSIS or from any private bonding company accredited by the Insurance Commission.
4. Duty Free Philippines reserves the right to confiscate the bid bond should the winning bidder refuse to accept his award. Further, DFP reserves the right to reject any or all the bids or any part thereof, waive any defect contained therein and accept an offer most advantageous to the government.

(Sgd.) **RUFINO G. PARFAN**
Acting Chairman
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   - A refundable Performance Bond (in cash or surety) equivalent to 10% of contract price shall be required by the Bank.
3. Company Profile and Latest Audited Financial Statements.
4. References from previous clients.

The Uniform Committee reserves the right to accept or to reject any or all Bids/Offers/Proposals. The decision of the Bank is final and binding.

Please address formal offer to: The Secretariat, Uniform Committee, P.O. Box 1996, Makati Commercial Center 1200. The Committee shall accept all submissions postmarked not later than September 12, 2001.

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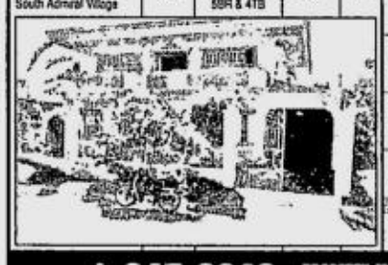

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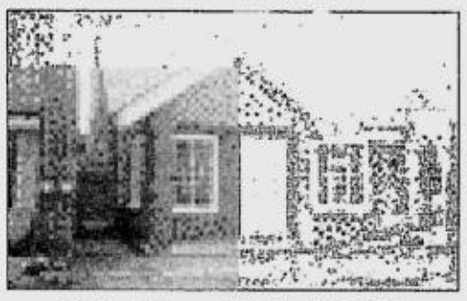

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Msgr. Socrates Villegas has lived in the shadow of Asia's most renowned prelate. Now he comes to his own as the country's newest bishop

A bishop named Soc

BY DON RAPADAS
Ministry of Social Communications

THE ARCHDIOCESE of Manila's Press Office was up for a TV documentary about the life and priesthood of Msgr. Socrates Villegas, Manila Archbishop Jaime Cardinal Sin's personal secretary. It was intended for his episcopal ordination on Aug. 31. However, he kept a busy schedule. Weeks passed and it never came. But last Monday he invited us to come to Villa San Miguel in Mandaluyong City, minus a camera. Apparently, Monsignor Soc didn't want the spotlight trained on him, hence the planned documentary had to go. But he agreed to be interviewed for the INQUIRER.

Monsignor Soc, or Father Soc (as he prefers to be called), has been a priest for 16 years now. His brilliant homilies have since been compiled and are now published literature by Anvil. He figured prominently during the popular Edsa II uprising when, as Cardinal Sin's spokesman, he gave civil society groups the controversial order to halt their march to Mendiola. His edifying life and warmth toward people have made him undisputedly popular.

Over ice cream and cookies, the interview was conducted. It covered his childhood and family background, his passion to enter the monastery at an early age, his career as secretary to the premier prelate in the land, and his thoughts about the priesthood and his popularity.

Have you always been reluctant about popularity?

I am not really comfortable with being called popular because the power of the priesthood is hidden, and God always works in silence. The more the priests are comfortable working hidden and not known, in other words, not popular, the more the world will experience God. Likewise, I feel discomfort in being looked up to because in the kingdom of God, the direction is always sideways. When God calls, He calls you to extend your arms more and love more. Those may be human terms, but I think for a start, I need to express that priests are not called to be popular. The priest is only called to be a moon reflecting the light of the sun.

How was Monsignor Soc as a child?

I think you have to ask my brother and

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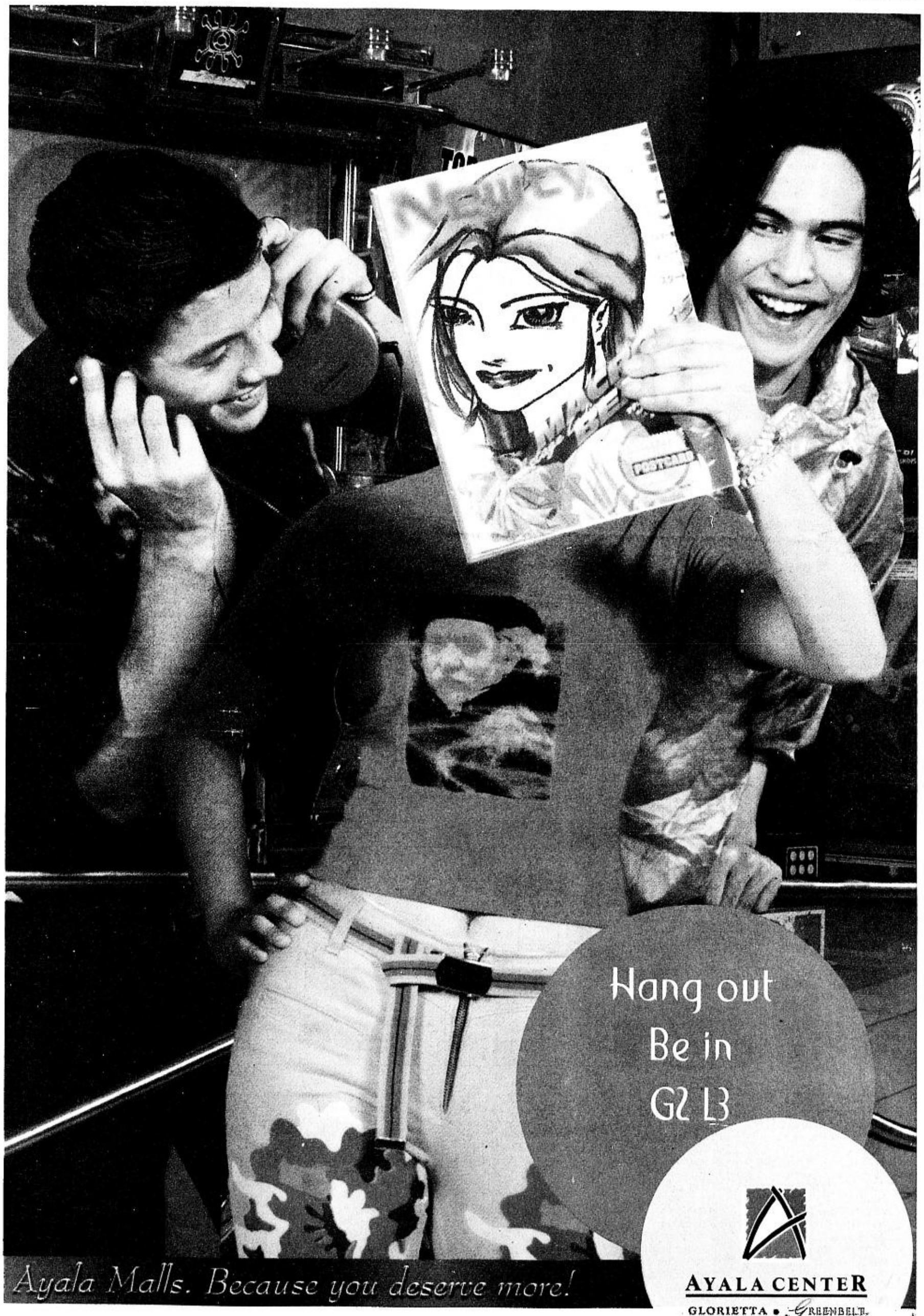

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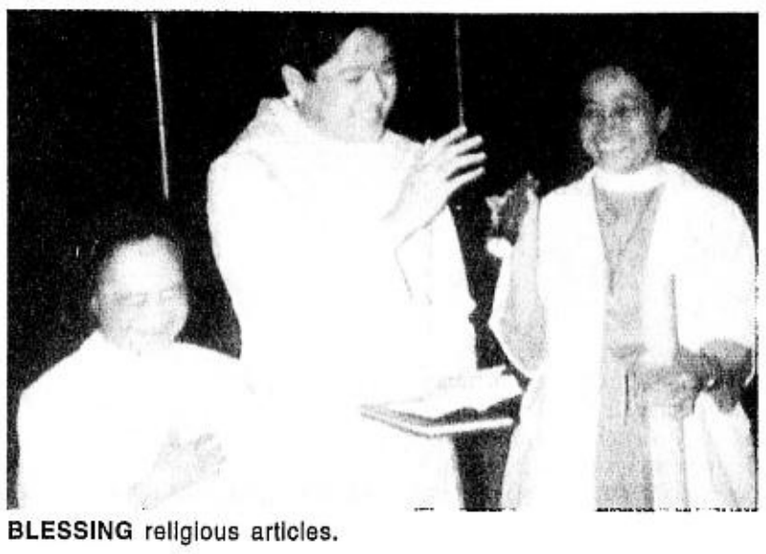

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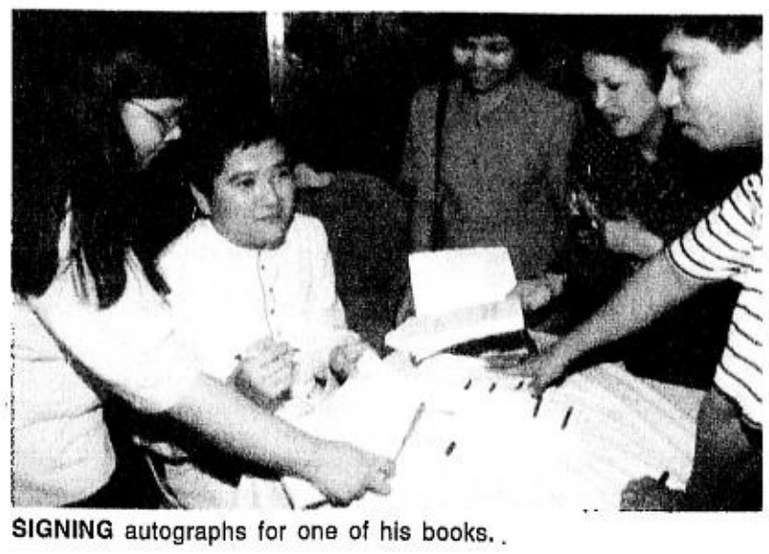


SIGNING autographs for one of his books.

WITH CARDINAL Sin

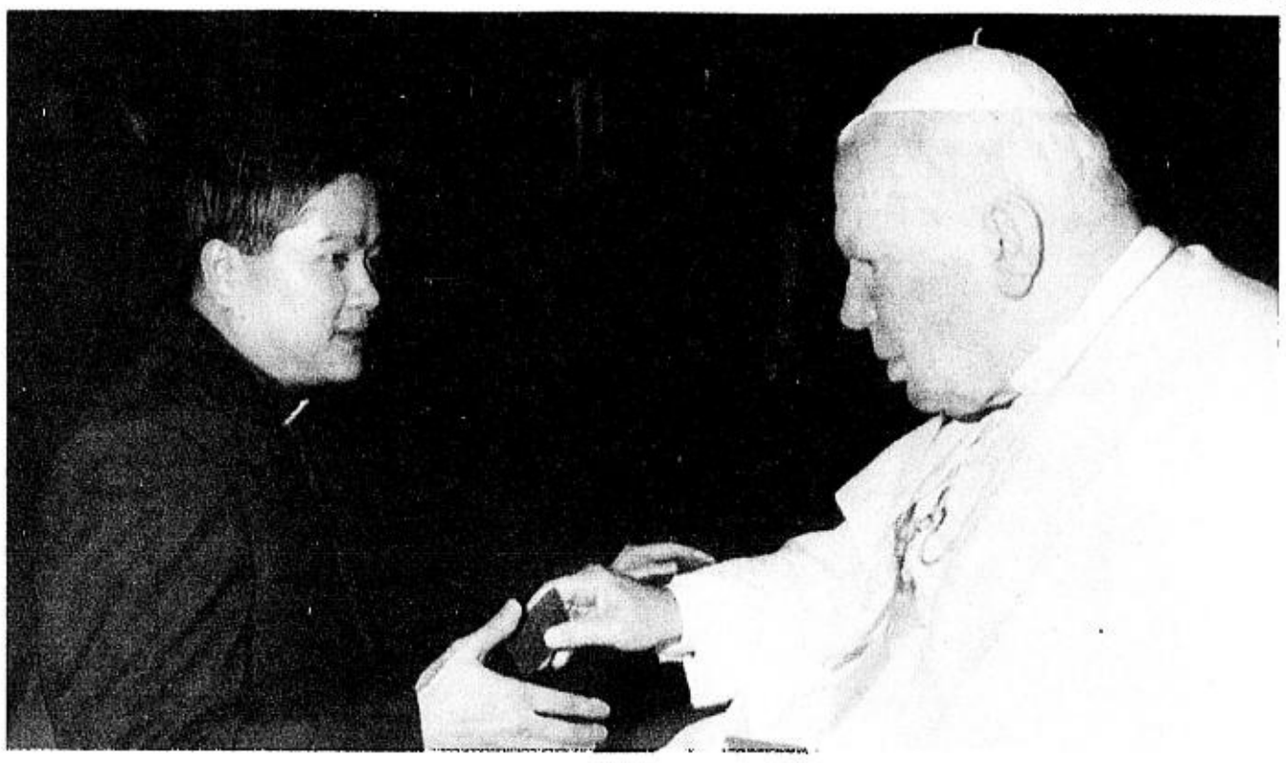
God bless you, Monsignor

May your hand be on the man you have chosen
The man you have given your strength
—Psalm 80

BY ODELIA GREGORIO ARROYO

THE ARCHDIOCESE of Manila is fortunate to have a young, vibrant and erudite bishop who will not only continue the reforms in the church but will do so with humility, fortitude and patience. After 15 years as His Eminence Jaime Cardinal Sin's protege, Monsignor Soc is more than prepared to continue the commitment of Cardinal Sin to his flock, having profited from the exposure to and the tutelage of the cardinal. Fr. Catalino Arevalo, S.J., whom Monsignor Soc admires, is confident the new bishop will confront, with perspicacity, fortitude and faith, the ordeals and trials of our country, most especially the poverty and hopelessness around us.

"Monsignor Soc embodies the new vision of the church," Father Arevalo says. Humble and compassionate, he is at once erudite and charismatic, a rare hybrid of traits in a man of the church these days. Because of his character, he enjoys the spiritual attention of former President Corazon Aquino, among many others. Like Cardinal Sin, who has heeded the calls for reforms in the church as manifested in the Vatican II Council, Monsignor Soc will continue revolutionizing the Archdiocese of Manila as a responsive and sensitive church.



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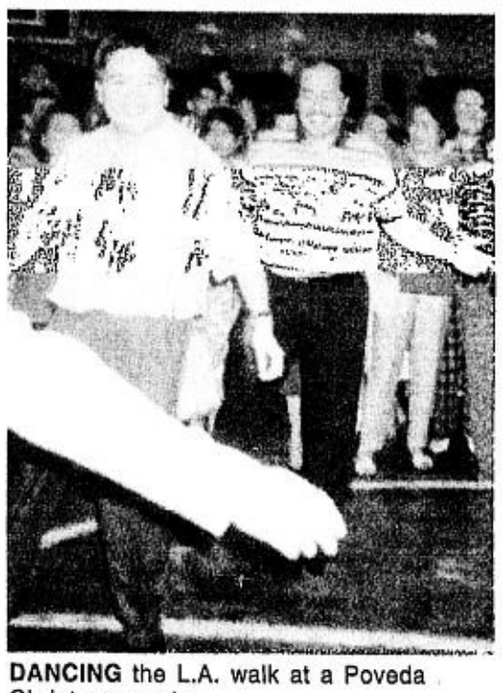

DANCING the L.A. walk at a Poveda Christmas party.

"FISHERS of men"

Climbing to the light

The desire to serve the Lord in the ministry came early for Monsignor Soc. Misty-eyed, Norma Villegas (*Nanay* to Monsignor Soc) recalls her son's favorite childhood game. As a boy, he used to wrap himself in a bedsheet as his chasuble, emulating a priest with a piece of *galletas* (a thin round wafer) as the Host. Baptism, on the other hand, consisted of pouring water over the heads of his friends' dolls.

Monsignor Soc learned the three R's at the Pateros Elementary School. Elmer Nocheseda forged his friendship with Soc there. The two became best friends and vied for academic excellence with Soc coming out on top as the valedictorian. Recalling their years together, Elmer cannot forget Soc's love for the Lord, even at an early age. At 8, Soc was asked what he would do on his birthday and he replied, "Go to Mass, and thank the Lord for the past year and ask His help for the coming one."

Throughout his four years at the San Carlos Seminary, he was an excellent student, consistently replicating the successes of his younger years. In spite of the fact Monsignor De Leon (rector of San Carlos at the time) once called his father, Emiliano Villegas, to complain that Soc was praying too much, Soc still had less time for study because of his prayers.

But academic excellence alone is not enough to be a priest. His superiors sent him to Talim Island for two months as part of the disciplinary course of a seminarian.

Talim Island had no electricity back then. On his first night there, in a bare hut, he lit a candle to read the Bible. The next night, another candle appeared. The same happened the night after, and so on until the nightly Bible reading was filled with the light of many candles, burning together illuminating the darkness. "That was one of the most spiritually nourishing times of my life," Monsignor Soc recalls.

To this day, Monsignor Soc goes to Talim yearly, bringing with him the youth of Edsa Shrine to share the cleansing and renewal that he found there.

Real-life parables

Those who are close to the monsignor have stories so refreshing that, in these days of unrest, they seem almost too good to be true. A grateful lady, having found the Lord's comfort, gifted the monsignor with a Pajero. "Me, ride in a Pajero?" was Monsignor Soc's reaction to the gift. Disposing of the luxury SUV, Monsignor Soc put 38 Theology students through a masteral program.

All personal gifts are given away to those in need. At a recent talk to his congregation at the Edsa Shrine, he repeatedly implored his followers not to give him anything for his ordination as bishop, acknowledging that his family sees to his needs, and if the parishioners must insist on doing so, they should wrap a gift that he can give away.

Monsignor Soc has authored five books to date, and it is to Jessica, an abandoned baby found dead which he buried in his own personal plot, that he dedicated his fifth, titled "Looking for Jesus: Reflections by the Street Corner." There he writes: "Jesus, who emptied himself and took the form of a slave/...who was born in a borrowed manger/...who had no place to lay his head/....who was buried in a stranger's tomb/ ... who visited me as a lifeless street child named Jessica on Dec. 12, 1999... To Jessica and all the street children like her, this book is dedicated."

The title of his first book, "Only Jesus, Always Jesus," is what he preaches and what guides his life: everything is through the goodness of God and

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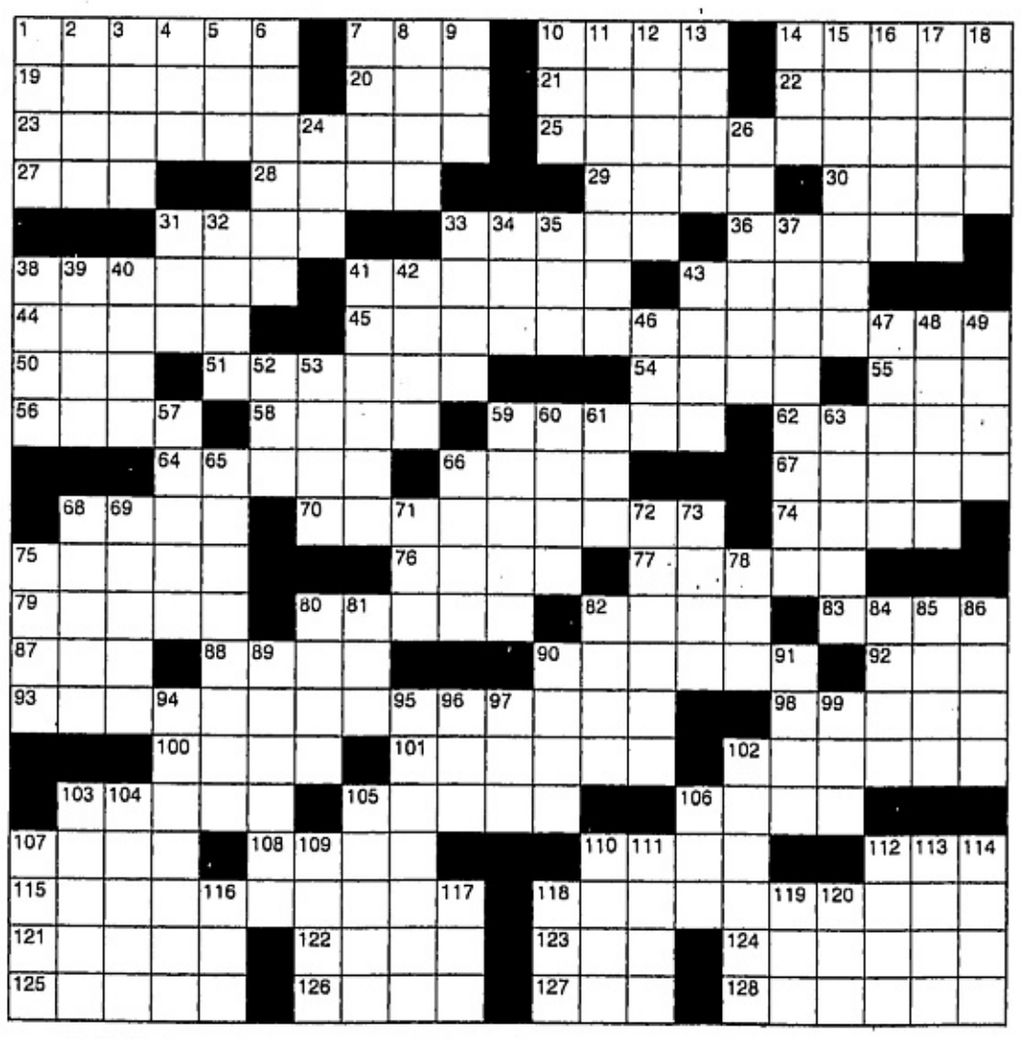
DESTINY'S CHILD



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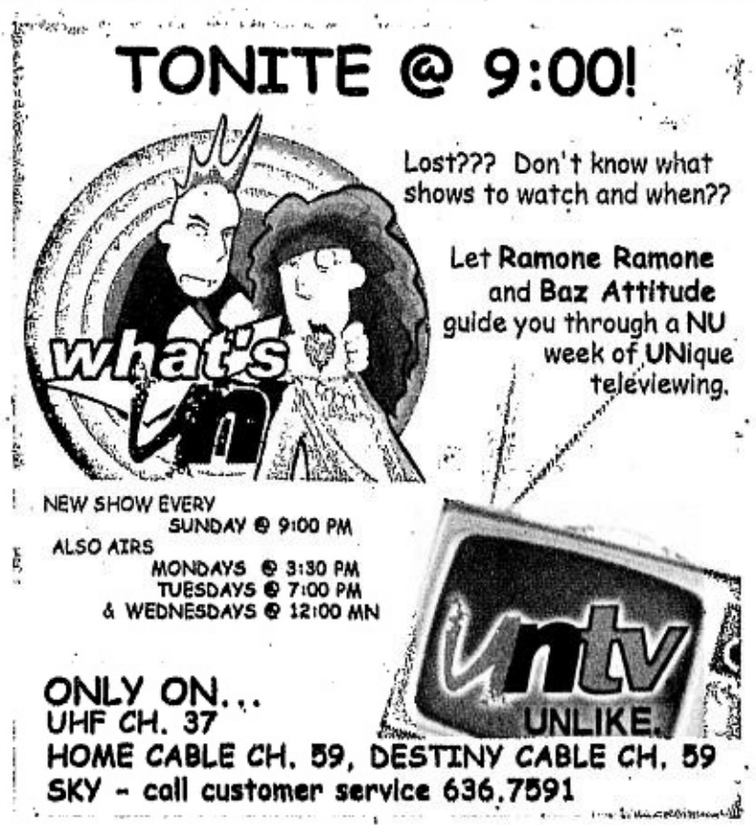

God bless you, Monsignor

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everything is for God. Paradoxically, this has moved Monsignor Soc toward the world in the spirit of charity.

The Word

For a cleric or a religious, real growth in the vocation must include one's relationship to one's flock. Here, the qualities that Monsignor Soc personifies have as much importance to the community as the spiritual doctrines and precepts proclaimed from the pulpit do. The strength of the bond that links the shepherd to the flock is buttressed on a delicate balance between generous availability and judicious distancing.

In Monsignor Soc's case, it has been his community's good fortune that his consistent non-attendance in strictly social gatherings does not at all detract from his total devotion to his pastoral commitments. This attribute is so precious yet so rare even in ministers of the Word. The Archdiocese of Manila is fortunate to have a young, vibrant and erudite bishop who will not only continue the reforms in the church but will do so with humility, fortitude and patience.

Monsignor Soc is best known for his homilies—short, crisp, meaningful and inspiring. They are sometimes too short that they might be described as *bitin*. In his hands, the Mass comes alive. Many Catholics tend to go to Mass only to fulfill the obligation, but the Mass at the Edsa Shrine is no ordinary guitar Mass. There is an aura of holiness and piety that is difficult to describe. One needs only to experience being part of a rapt congregation listening to Monsignor Soc.

Author's note: Monsignor Soc agreed to this article only if he is not made the center of attention. However, even as we promised him, we realized we could not have done justice to eager and welcoming anticipation of our new bishop, without these touching and human anecdotes about him. We can only add the constant phrase of Monsignor Soc when we interviewed him: "All this is through the goodness of God."

WITH PARENTS Emiliano and Norma Villegas

THE YOUNG Soc (in shades) with his cousin, now Fr. Lito Villegas

A bishop named Soc

(From page C1)

sister about that. (Laughs) I'm the third in the family. My parents were both government employees. We grew up in Pateros where all our relatives lived and grew up. We had a very simple life. The priority at home was always education.

We learned that you and your siblings really excelled in class.

Well, because we were always encouraged by our parents to do our best. As I have said, we did not have the luxuries like soft drinks or toys, but when it came to buying books and materials that stimulate the mind, my parents went all the way, all the time. We didn't have any air conditioning and we only had one TV in the house. It was a simple Filipino family.

Were you prayerful or religions?

I remember playing "*pari-pari*" with my cousin Lito (Villegas) when I was a child. We used do that, and now he is also a priest.

How did you discover your vocation?

I just trusted my feelings and my heart. You have to listen to your heart and feelings because there is really no logical explanation. As when you fall in love with a girl, you don't do it by syllogism. You don't say, "Statement one, then statement two, therefore..." You don't do that. Listen to your heart and it will tell you that you love this person and therefore you must pursue a friendship with this person. My heart told me that I would be happy serving God. However, my father wanted me to secure first a regular college degree before seriously considering the seminary so that in case I would decide to leave after a few years, I would have a fallback. And so I applied at Ateneo and San Carlos Seminary and passed both exams. And after some dialogue with my father, he finally blessed my desire to enter the seminary.

You had an early attraction to the monastic life, though?

I really wanted to go to the Trappist monastery [of the Benedictines]. I love solitude, silence, prayer and work. But when I wrote them at age 15, they said I was too young. But at 15, I was a man in a hurry, as most teenagers are, and therefore I was impatient to enter the seminary. So I entered San Carlos (in Makati), hoping that when I get to the right age, I would be able to leave and transfer to the Trappists. But I kept on postponing, and my spiritual director always told me that the monastery is not a place but is in the heart, and that I can bring my cloister wherever I go. I realized then that maybe God was calling me to live the diocesan life and put the element of prayer and contemplation in the active ministry.

You were made personal secretary to Cardinal Sin right after your ordination in 1985 and so missed the ordinary, regular life of a diocesan priest, which is in the parish.

If you are thrown into the water, there is no other way but to swim! (Laughs) I didn't know anything about it. I was not trained for it. But when you're plunged into it... I think the spirituality of the diocesan priest, first and foremost, is flexibility. You are supposed to plunge where you're supposed to, no questions asked. And all that is done in the spirit of love and sacrifice. So I took it in faith. I was being asked to do it, I will

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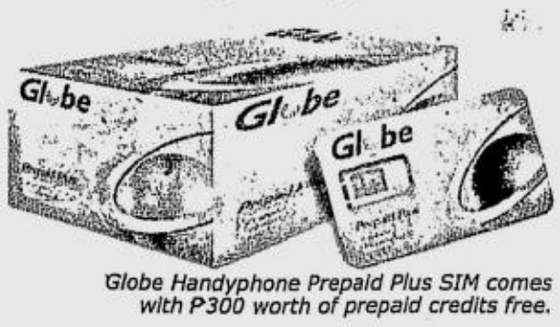

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Medicine donation campaign launched

MOTHER and child are among the recipients of medicines.

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Joining SM Foundation in the medicine donation campaign for the less fortunate are Kapwa Ko Mahal Ko Foundation, the Department of Social Welfare and Development, Family Drugstore, the Missionaries of the Poor, dzRH's Operation Tulong, Yes FM and Love Radio.

All donations will be for the health projects of Kapwa Ko Mahal Ko, DSWD and dzRH's Operation Tulong, particularly in areas like Welfareville Mandaluyong; Las Piñas; Pozorubio, Pangasinan; Valenzuela; Kawalaan, Pasig City; Parang, Marikina City; and West Rembo, Makati City. Medical assistance activities are scheduled in the cities of Iloilo, Cebu and Davao.

Gamot Para sa Kapwa donation booths are located at SM City North-Edsa, SM Centerpoint, SM Megamall, SM Southmall, SM City Fairview, SM City Bacoor, SM City Manila, SM Supercenter Sucat, SM City Cebu, SM City Iloilo and SM City Pampanga. Each donation entitles one to a cash coupon from Family Drugstore.

SM Foundation and its partners have conducted medical assistance activities in Santo Domingo, Albay; Golden Acres Home for the Aged; Quezon City Jail; and residents of Taguig, Parola in Tondo, Bagong Silang in Caloocan and Sasmuan, Pampanga.

SM Foundation gives medical assistance to the residents of the Home for the Aged.

Religious organization marks 16th anniversary

THE KINGDOM of Jesus Christ The Name Above Every Name will celebrate 16 years of sharing the Word of God to Filipinos the world over in a week-long celebration on Sept. 1-9 in Davao City.

This ministry, which is led by Pastor Apollo C. Quiboloy, has over three million members and covenant partners all over the country and in several countries across the globe. Among these are Japan, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Singapore, the United States, Canada, Switzerland, Liberia, Israel and Saudi Arabia. The membership continues to expand rapidly as community-based house congregations have been organized by members all over the country.

The Kingdom of Jesus Christ also produces the long-running TV programs "Powerline" and "Hour of Truth," which are being aired Mondays to Saturdays, 6-8 a.m., on IBC 13. These programs are also aired in provincial TV stations across the nation. In both programs, Pastor Quiboloy preaches the Word of God with the core message of repentance as the means to genuine individual and societal change, and tithing as the solution to poverty.

The refreshing perspective that Pastor Quiboloy has given God's Word has drawn millions of viewers during the 10 years of the shows' existence. Many viewers have been blessed and healed, just by watching the programs. Because of this, many of the viewers have become Covenant Partners and members of the congregation. The programs have become a major venue for sharing the Word of God in places where the programs are not aired. VHS tapes of "Powerline" and "Hour of Truth" have reached remote areas in the Philippines and foreign lands, becoming the seeds for the establishment of this ministry in those places.

The 16th anniversary celebration will gather 2,000 of the congregation's leaders around the world. They will be participating in a round of activities, which will include contests and seminars, and a visit to the ministry's famous Prayer Mountain in Mt. Tamayong in Davao City. The highlight of the celebration will be a Concert and Healing Crusade with Pastor Quiboloy at the Jesus Christ Compound in Davao City on Sept. 9.

KAPIHAN SA ZONTA IN WACK-WACK

The first Kapihan sa Zonta was hosted by Area 1 at the Wack-Wack Golf & Country Club recently. The organizers and guest speakers who expounded on "Healing the Nation and Forging Ahead" are, (seated) from left, Mina Gabor, Eugenia D. Apostol, Pastor "Boy" Saycon and Zonta International District 17 lieutenant governor Dandy Gomez; (standing) from left, Lyn Sunico, Vice Area I director Virma Vergel de Dios, Dolly Castillo, overall chair and president of Zonta Club of Manila I Baby Perez-Sison, Area I director Nonie Basillo, Area 5 director lawyer Lorna Kapunan, past governor District 17 Brenda Tanjutco and lawyer Gina Geraldez

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2001

10:00 A.M. – 2:30 P.M./Function Rm. B
Excerpt from the Drama Musical "Pilandel" & Karunungan: In Black Theater
VSE Productions

3:00 P.M. – 4:30 P.M./Function Rm. B
Book Launching
"On Screen by Fr. Peter Malone, MSC, Rosary of Jesus', Public Life by Sr. Monina Baybay, FSP, Teenage Escape by Sim Reyes, Beyond Manila by Marie Laygo and Daily Gospel Now by Fr. Robert E. Sullivan, OMI"
Paulines Publishing

5:00 P.M. – 7.00 P.M./ Function Rm. A
Book Launching
"Lugar: Essays on Philippine Heritage & Architecture by Arch. Augusto F. Villalon"
The Bookmark, Inc.

5:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M./Function Rm. B
7* Mega Book Launching
"Fellow Traveller: Essays on Filipino Communism by Patricio N. Abinales, Ang Aking Prince Charming at Iba Pang Noveleta ng Pag-ibig by Joi Barnos, Growing Into Asia and Other Essays by Susan P. Evangelista, Curtain's Call: Selected Reviews, 1957-2000 by Leonor Orosa Goquingco, May Isang Panahon: Mga Kuwento, Sanaysay, Tula by Genoveva Edroza Matute, May Katwiran ang Katwiran at Iba Pang Dula by Rolando S. Tinio, Introduction to Electric Fields by Efren Abaya, The Philippine Economy: Alternatives for the 21st Century by Dante B. Canlas and Shigeaki Fujisaki (Editors), Introductory Mathematical Economics by Rolando Danao, The Communist Party of Kathleen Weekly"
University of the Philippines Press

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2001

10:00 A.M.-12:00 NN/Function Rms. A & B
Re-Launch of Pre-school Textbooks with Seminar on:
"Technology in Early Childhood Education"
Diwa Learning Systems Inc.

1:00 P.M.– 4:30 P.M./Function Rms. A & B
Seminar on
"E-Learning & 7 Intelligence"
Diwa Learning Systems Inc.

5:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M./Function Rm. B
Book Launching
"Dialogues of Love by Msgr. Stud Santos, 40 More Personal Prayers by Msgr. Stud Santos, A Way to the Desert by Fr. Ramon Bautista, SJ, 365 Days with the Lord 2002, Homelife - The Philippines' Family Magazine, The Youngster - The Illustrated Magazine for the Youth"
St Pauls

6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M./Function Rm. A
Book Launching
"Batang Historyador Series"
Adarna House

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2001

10:00 A.M. – 12:00 NN/Function Rm. A
BDAP/BEAP Export Marketing Seminar
Book Dev't. Assn. of the Phils. (BDAP)
Book Exporters Assn.of the Phils. (BEAP)

10:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M./Function Rm. B
Forum
"Meeting the Challenges of E-Resources in Libraries"
Medical & Health Librarians Association of the Philippines (MAHLAP)

1:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M./Function Rm. A
BDAP General Membership Meeting
Book Development Association of the Philippines (BDAP)

2:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M./Function Rm. B
Forum
"Update on Phil. Librarians Assn. Inc. Agenda for the Development of Librarians"
Philippine Librarians Assn.,Inc. (PLAI)

3:30 P.M. – 4:30 P.M./Function Rm. A
Storytellers, Different Styles (for Teachers, Parents, Storytelling Coaches)
Alitaptap Storyteller's Club Members

5:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M./Function Rm. A
Book Launching
"Inside Manila With Kids by Didith Tan Rodrigo, drawings by Robert Alejandro"
Tahanan Books & The Bookmark, Inc.

6:30 P.M. - 8:00 P.M./Function Rm. B
Book Launch
"Mass for Peace: A Song Book for Choir and Congregation by Ryan Cayabyab"
Book Wagon (Pahina, Inc.)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2001

10:00 A.M.-12:00 NN/Function Rms A &B
Launching of New High School Textbooks with a Seminar on
"Future Trends in High School Education"
Diwa Learning Systems Inc.

1:00 P.M. – 3:30 P.M./Function Rms. A & B
Forum
"The State of English Instruction in Philippine Education"
Diwa Learning Systems Inc.

4:00 P.M. – 6:30 P.M./Function Rm. A
New Ways to Learn: Piano Methods for the Millennium Generation
Book Wagon (Pahina, Inc.)

6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M./Function Rm. B
Book Launching
"Christianity Between Sundays by William B. Girao, Chapter in Philippine Church History by Anne Kwanlas, Tomorrow Can Be Beautiful by Harold J. Sala, God's Heart for the Nations by Dean Wiebracht, Get Real! Making Your Mark as a Man by David Dean, Tears for a Season by Luis P. Gatmaitan, May Mga Lihim Kami ni Ingkong by Luis P. Gatmaitan, The Magic of Apo Mayor by Grace D. Chong, Huff and Grudge by Lesley Hicks, The Boy and his Lunch by Edwin Estioko"
OMF Literature, Inc.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2001

10:00 A.M.–12:00 NN/Function Rms. A & B
Seminar
"Walking the Tightrope: Balancing An Excellent Work and Family Life"
Diwa Learning Systems Inc.

1:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M./Function Rm. B
Seminar
"IT in Education"
Diwa Learning Systems Inc.

1:30 P.M. – 4:30 P.M./Function Rm. A
Forum
"Enhancing Communication Skills"
Association of Special Libraries of the Philippines (ASLP)

3:30 P.M. – 4:30 P.M./Function Rm. B
Kids as Storytellers (for Teachers, Parents, Storytelling Coaches)
Alitaptap Storytelling Contest Winners

5:00 P.M. – 8.00 P.M./Function Rm. A
Excerpt from the Drama Musical Pilandel & Karunungan: In Black Theater
VSE Productions

5:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M./Function Rm. B
Launching
"Are You The Forest King?"
Carbon: A Video Animation Artwork by Penny Reyes, Animation by UP Film Center (Open to the Public)
The Bookmark, Inc. & Pangea Books, Inc.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2001

10:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M./Function Rm. A
Diwa Science Showdown
Diwa Learning Systems Inc.

10:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M./Function Rm. B
Panel Discussion
"How to Deal with Library Donation"
Philippine Association of Academic and Research Libraries (PAARL)

1:30 P.M. – 4:00 P.M./Function Rm. B
Seminar on
"The 3M in Library Information Science Education: Management, Money & Marketing"
Philippine Association of Teachers of Library Science (PATLS)

3:30 P.M. - 4:30 P.M./Function Room A
Website Launch
"nestycarabao.com"
F & J de Jesus, Inc. & Asianware

5:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M / Function Rms. A & B
Powermark Book Club Launching
OMF Literature, Inc

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2001

10:00 A.M. – 12:00 NN/Function Rm. A
Product Launching
"Angelos and Haggadah"
Belgosa Bookstores Inc.

1:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M./Function Rm. A
Book Launching
"Tinig ng Darating at Iba pang Tula by Teo Baylen, Damdamin: Mga Piling Tula ni Iñigo Ed. Regalado, Sa Tabi ng Dagat at Iba pang Tula by Ildefonso Santos, Sampagitang Walang Bango by Iñigo Ed. Regalado, Grass Roots & Cadre in the Protest Movement by Vincent Boudreau, Corruption, the Boom and Bust of East Asia ed. by J. Edgardo Campos, Leaving the Priesthood: A Close Reading of Priestly Departures by Emmanuel Fernandez, Image to Meaning: Essays in Philippine Art by Alice Guillermo, People of Power, A Philippine Worldview of Spirit Encounters by John P. McAndrew, History and Society in the Novels of Ramon Muzones by Ma. Cecilia Locsin-Nava, Magosaha: An Ethnography of the Tawi-Tawi Sama Dilaut by H. Arlo Nimmo, The Philippine Revolution of 1896: Ordinary Lives in Extraordinary Times edited by F. Rodao and Felice Noelle Rodriguez, and National/Transnational: Subject Formation and Media in and on the Philippines by Rolando B. Tolentino"
Ateneo de Manila University Press

4:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M./Function Rm. B
Book Launching
"Si Pilandok sa Pulo ng Pawikan by Victoria Añonuevo illustrated by Kora Albano, Ang Pambihirang Buhok ni Lola by Rene Villanueva illustraded by Ibarra Crisostomo, Ibong Adarna 2 by Roberto Alonzo illustrated by Jordan Santos, Bakit Malagal ang Sundo Ko? by Kristine Canon illustrated by Mariano Ching, Magnificent Benito and Two Front Teeth by Augie Rivera and Mike Rivera illustrated by Jason Moss, Sundalong Palpat 2 by Virgilio S. Almario illustrated by Ferdinand Doctolero, Melchora Aquino by Rene Villanueva illustrated by Ferdinand Doctolero, Blue Day by Pipa Escalante illustrated by Abi Goy"
Adarna House

5:30 P.M. – 7:00 P.M./Function Rm. A
Book Launching & Video Presentation
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6:30 P.M. – 9:00 P.M./Function Rm. B
National Book Awards
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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2001

4:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M./Function Rm. B
Book Launching
"Marxism and Religion: A Fusion of Horizon by Virgilio A. Ojoy, OP, Mary, Seat of Wisdom: A Contemporary Reflection by Roland D. Mactal, OP, Everyday Sense of Existense in a Day by Fr. Jan Sareno, Justice, Patients' Rights, Psychoethics ed. by Fausto B. Gomez, OP & Dr. Anniela Yu-Soliven, Balagtas and His Nationalistic Literature by Dr. Johanna G. Hashim, Dalawampung Tula ng Pag-ibig ni Diosdado Macapagal ed by Erli Mendoza and Michael Coroza, The Treasures of Lemon Bay by Dr. Frank Tejada, Nakatanim na Granada by Rebecca Añonuevo, Pangarap at Pangitain by Abdon M. Balde, Jr., Fray Domingo de Salazar, First Bishop of the Philippines by Lucio Gutierrez, OP, Apples and Ampalaya by Augusto V. de Viana, Forensic Medicine by Dr. Teresita R. Sanchez"
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give my best. If my best is not good enough, then the archbishop will find another one to do it.

You said that when there is sacrifice, there is authentic priesthood. Why?

As you said earlier, the general conception is that a priest should baptize, say Mass, hear confession, and so on. That is the regular understanding of the priesthood. But the essence of the priesthood is not to be a presider of the sacraments. The essence of the priesthood is not the cult. The essence of the priesthood is to be an elder, a presbyter in the Christian community, one who serves. And there is no better way to serve than to lay down your life for your friends. So if my archbishop tells me, "Come and work in the office," and my contact with people is so limited, let it be. If my archbishop tells me, "You exercise your being presbyter by managing the kitchen," so let it be. If I approach it in the spirit of sacrifice, that is truly priestly. On the other hand, I may be baptizing and officiating at weddings, saying Mass and hearing confessions, but if the spirit of sacrifice is not there, then the priesthood is diminished.

You followed the example of the Pope and the Cardinal when you made a public apology for the sins of the Church and of priests. Why such a gesture?

In life, you cannot avoid it. We end up hurting one another, and there is no denying it. The first step is to take responsibility, and in so doing be able to correct it. I was just being honest with myself and I think the relationship is not diminished simply because we accept our faults. The relationship with people takes on a deeper meaning and character when we are willing to accept our limitations and the grace of God takes over us. There is a vacuum that is left because of sin, and God fills that up also.

What does it mean to be a bishop in the 21st century?

To be Jesus for the people. I think that is the only thing a bishop is. He must and always and only be the picture of Jesus for God's people. He must make Jesus alive and present in the lives of people.

Specifically, what is a bishop's role for the family, youth and the poor?

To the family, a father. You know the reality of broken homes, of battered and abused children, are glaring at us, and many of our families do not even have the right experience and the correct understanding of what fatherhood means. And the bishop, being the father of the Church, must fill up that vacuum. For the youth, the bishop must be a friend. Friendship is such a beautiful word, especially for young people. They need someone who walks, cries, laughs and plays with them. For the poor, the bishop must be poor among them. He may not be able to provide for everything they need but by simply being poor with them, by living a simple life with them, he will be able to give meaning and purpose to their material poverty and then uplift it to the blessedness of the poor.

You spoke about loving the poor and loving poverty at the same time. How's that?

You will not be able to love the poor without loving poverty. Loving the poor without loving poverty is like loving from a distance, making sure that your fingers don't get burned and your clothes don't get soiled. But the real expression of love is simply to be with the one you love. That is why when God became man, the name he chose was "Emmanuel"—God is with us. That is the highest expression of love—to be with the one you love. That is our calling.

How do you feel about priests who have been unfaithful to their vocation?

First, we must pray for them. Second, we must listen to them, even before we even talk to them. He must first be a companion and brother to a priest. If only the bishop can pray a lot for such weak ministers and then give the priests a listening ear, I think he would have done so much already.

Who are the people you are most grateful to?

Well, of course, God. Remotely, Pope John Paul II. His devotion to Mary and to peace is always very inspiring. Closer to home, Cardinal Sin. I have lived in the "House of Sin" for 16 years now and it is such an inspiration and source of great pride. And recently, Jessica Moreno. She was a baby born around December 1999. She was found under a flyover on Dec. 12 and was brought to the Edsa Shrine to be blessed; she was dead already. I wasn't around at the time, but when I came before noon, I asked our security guards to look for her because I was sure that her family would not have any provisions for a funeral. She was found and was brought to Arlington. The following morning, I called up the funeral parlor because I wanted to say Mass, and the personnel said she was not yet in a casket because her parents abandoned her and they didn't know what to do with her. So I went to a friend's house and begged for a baby dress, and then called up my mom and told her that I had a street baby who died and was abandoned by her parents. I asked her, "In our family plot, *puwede ba 'yung* plot *ko, gagamitin ko na? Nakakaawa naman* if we will just leave her in a forsaken grave." My mother said yes. That same afternoon, I brought the casket to our memorial plot in Pateros, blessed her, gave her my cross, and then buried her on the place where I should be buried with my family. On the soil, we wrote on marble, "Jesus who died and was buried in a stranger's tomb, visited our family in the person of a baby named Jessica Moreno on Dec. 12, 1999. Please pray for her, please pray for us, because unless our hearts become as pure as Jessica's heart, we will not be able to see the kingdom of God." The memory of Jessica continues to inspire me.

You gave away your plot. Are you that detached from your possessions?

No! (Laughs) I am well... no, that's not an honest assessment. I have attachments and it is difficult to let go.

What are those that you would find difficult to let go of?

Uhmmm... friends.... Books. Any other? (Smiles)

If God will grant you a wish during your ordination as bishop, what would it be?

That all priests become saints, not only because of God's invitation, but because of the generosity of all priests.

Any personal programs that you plan to undertake as a bishop?

I'm only a shadow of my archbishop. I'm not supposed to have a mind or a project of my own.

> The new bishop wishes that all priests will become saints, not out of God's invitation, but out of their own generosity

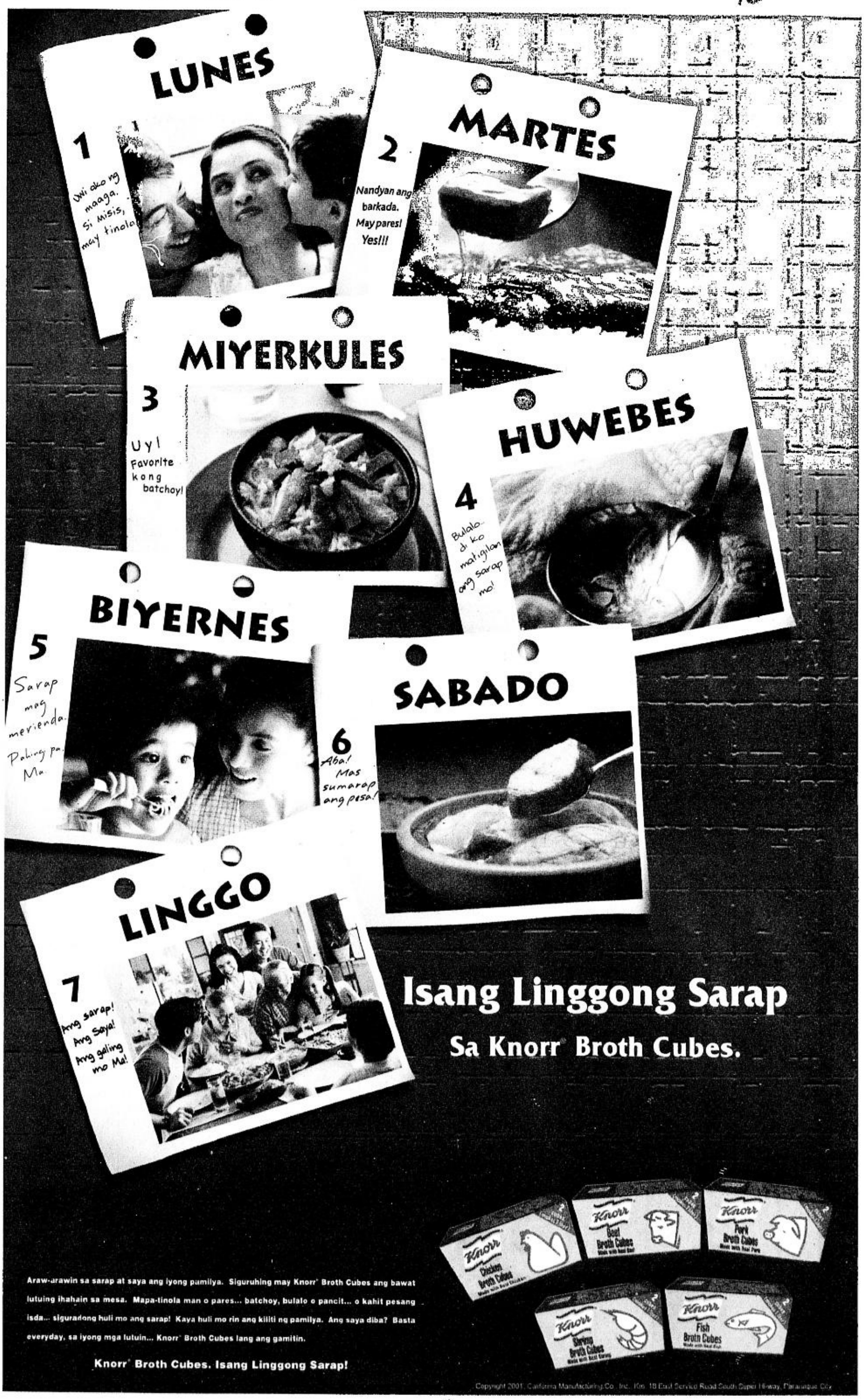
As an auxiliary, I am only to take directions from the archbishop of Manila. I can give suggestions but the decision remains with the Cardinal.

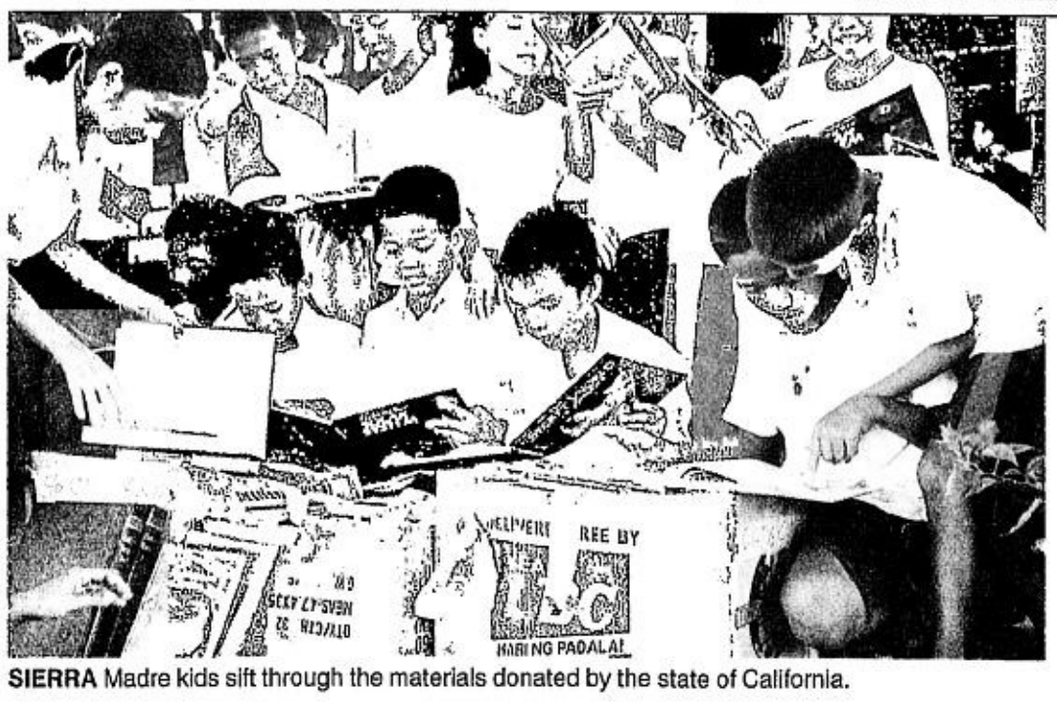
What would be your suggestions?

The renewal of priests, the harnessing of the lay apostolate, and the working in communion with the religious sisters and brothers. But look, even those programs are already priority concerns of the Cardinal! (Laughs)

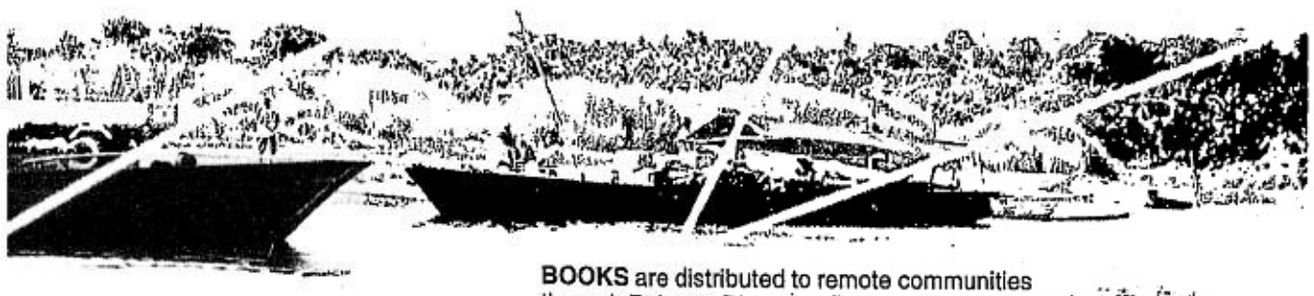
Do you have any words for the laity, religious and priests now?

For the laity, you have a vocation and that is to be holy. Your vocation is to be saints on account of baptism. Be aware of that. Be aware of your dignity and live up to it. For the religious, you have a very special vocation in the Church to live the evangelical counsels. Let Christ be present in this world by the simplicity of our lives, by our obedience and the purity of our intentions all the time. For the priests, there is no other way to please God but to serve God's people because it is only through it that we can truly say that we are serving God.





SIERRA Madre kids sift through the materials donated by the state of California.



BOOKS are distributed to remote communities through Palanan River. PHOTOS BY MIGUEL FERNANDEZ

Children of the rainforest get the gift of knowledge

BY CONSTANTINO C. TEJERO

THE CHILDREN of Sierra Madre, in colorful costumes, seemed to wilt as they waited more than two hours for the program to begin. When the program did start, they appeared weary and famished as they danced.

But their faces brightened after the program when they were allowed a peek at the books donated to their community. One could see in those faces their thirst for knowledge, their enthusiasm for learning.

On Aug. 4, the town of Palanan in Isabela, in ceremonies at the municipal gymnasium, received a shipment of 12,000 books for three coastal towns in the Sierra Madre: Palanan, Maconacon and Divilacan. The shipment was part of over 20,000 books donated by the children of the state of California to the children of the rainforest.

Called the Friendship Ceremony, the formal transfer of the books was attended by Environment Secretary Heherson Alvarez, Isabela Gov. Faustino Dy Jr., town mayors and regional officials of the Department of Education, Culture and Sports and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources. David Campbell, deputy head of mission of the British Embassy, came to observe. The embassy was reportedly planning a similar project.

Underserved schools

The donation was a project of Books for the Barangay Foundation Inc. (BBFI), a nonstock, nonprofit organization that aims to provide basic education to disadvantaged children in remote or underserved areas of the country.

BBFI undertook the project without direct corporate sponsorship but it did get government support, as indicated by the presence of government officials during the ceremony.

It also received assistance from American President Lines, Team LBC, LaFarge, Ford Motor, Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corp., Intel Phils., Regent Foods, Conservation International and Books for the Barrios (an organization in the United States that inspired the founding of BBFI).

BBFI hopes to reach 3,750 public elementary and high school libraries as well as learning resource centers, providing them with quality books and educational materials in the three universal subject areas of Reading, Science and Mathematics. To date, it has distributed about 4.5 million books to some eight million Filipino schoolchildren.

Coordinating with the DECS and other government agencies, BBFI facilitates annually the entry of donated books and educational materials—equivalent to 15 container vans—from the US and distributes them to depressed and deprived public schools throughout the country.

Hardest mission

The Palanan mission was BBFI's latest and, so far, its hardest. Best known as the site of the last stand of Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo where he was captured by pursuing American forces, Palanan is a neat-looking town that seems progressive but for the lack of paved roads, telephones and electricity.

The place, about 60,000 hectares, has been called the country's last wilderness, as it is the least explored and recorded. To reach "civilization," one has to fly in a twin-engine aircraft to Tuguegarao, Cagayan, or to Aurora, then travel by bus to Manila.

The BBFI people had to travel 400 km to bring the books to Palanan. At some point they had to travel 10 hours on foot to the far-flung barrios, unreachable by modern means of transportation.

One man narrated how they navigated for 11 hours along the Pacific coastline of the Cagayan Valley, from Aparri to Palanan, to ferry the educational materials. We observed how the books were distributed in the interior by pumpboat through the Palanan River. Communities were waiting on the riverbanks, excited to receive the boxes and boxes of precious reading materials.

Blissful faces

Two hours of waiting for the program to begin was nothing then to the children, considering the travails the adults had to go through before the books could reach them. No wonder their faces looked blissful as they sifted through the glossy pages of the wondrous materials after their dance routine. (Never mind if some of those materials were old, such as a 1988 National Geographic, or the 1974 Collier's Encyclopedia.)

The children of the rainforest were particularly pleased when a BBFI officer told them the books were patiently packed by the California children, who scrawled greetings on the boxes.

At the end of the program, students and teachers thanked their guests, the book donors and the BBFI, in courtly language that was startling in its naïveté. Courtly language is fairly common in the provinces, but this was something else.

A student emcee intoned: "We bid you adieu, but not goodbye. Till we meet again in the near future. Come visit again our poor humble town, so that we shall have a closer friendship and camaraderie."

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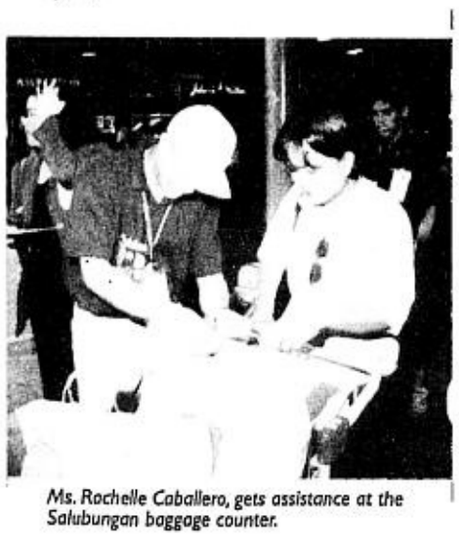

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Treason in the Senate

COMPILED BY LITO ZULUETA

? MEMBERS of the entertainment industry now consider this senator a "traitor" after he turned his back on his former colleagues and refused to help them fight the 20-percent tax increase imposed on entertainers.

The industry members were disappointed when they learned that the senator had turned down the offer to head the media and public information committee that could have helped show-biz people in their battles.

They are also up in arms against piracy, which greatly affects singers, composers, actors, producers and recording companies.

Last week, industry members had an audience with Speaker **Jose de Venecia** to seek his support for the proposed anti-piracy bill. The same group also trooped to the Department of Finance to rally against the 20-percent tax increase, which was imposed on entertainers on Sept. 1.

It was during the dinner at De Venecia's residence that industry insiders expressed their disappointment at their former colleague.

They recalled that the senator's son also turned his back on his show-biz pals during a political crisis. "It must run in the family," remarked a film producer.

Richie Rich

? THIS hotshot architect-interior designer is now going out with the mistress of a late tycoon. It seems he has a taste for women with fat wallets, or who have connections at least to the old rich. His ex-girlfriend is

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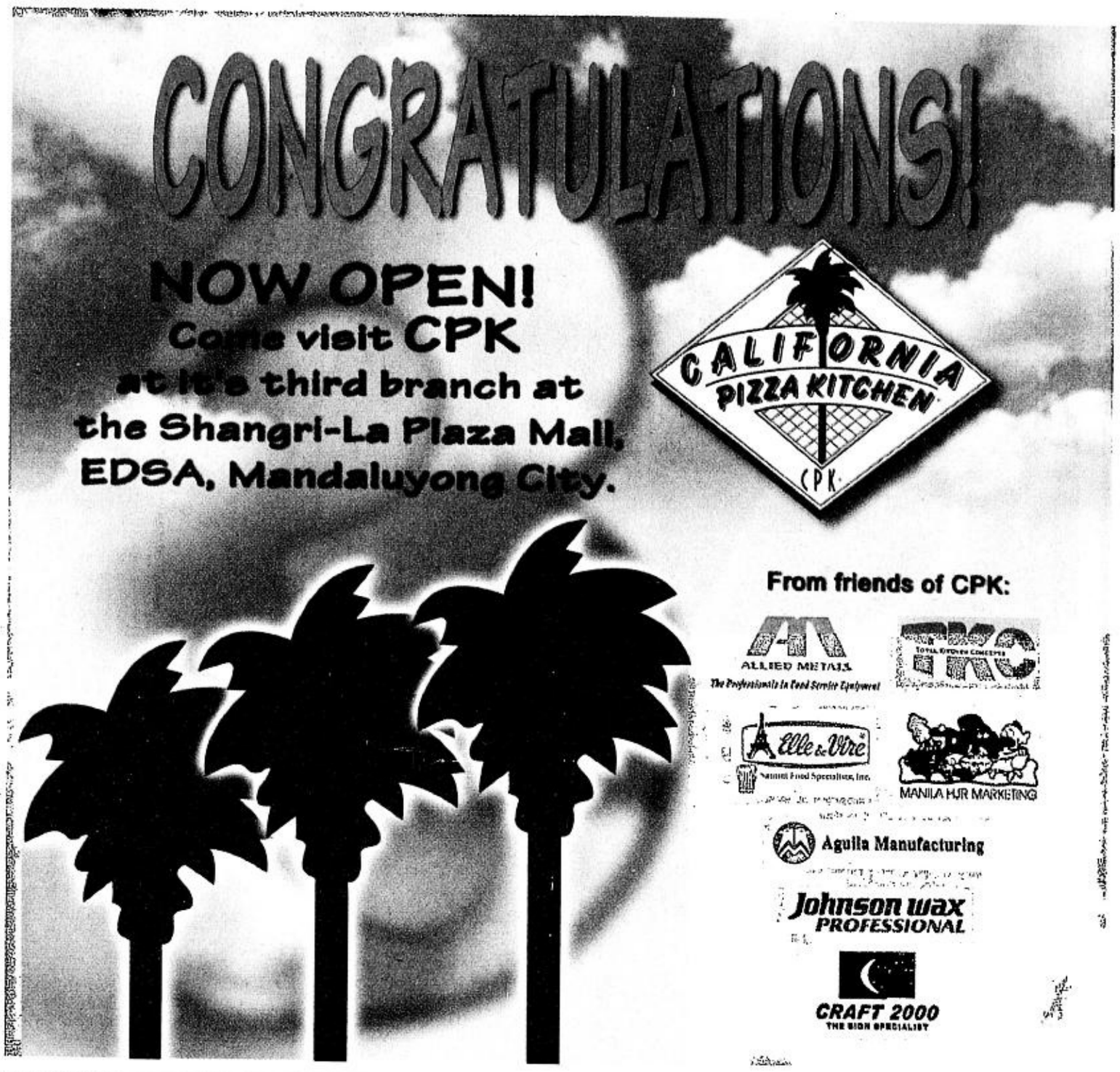

BM principal dancer Osias Barroso is Romeo surrounded by the female leads in Sergey Vikulov's "Romeo and Juliet"

SERGEY Vikulov, Tatiana Udalenkova and Alexander Vikulov

Ballet production is a 'family' reunion

BALLET Manila's world premiere of "Romeo and Juliet" is going to be more than just a retelling of the classic Shakespearean tale when it opens Sept. 28 at the Cultural Center of the Philippines.

The production will also mark the Philippine reunion of Lisa Macuja Elizalde and her Russian connection.

The ballet is bringing to the Philippines an exceptional family with whom Elizalde stayed for two years as a student in St. Petersburg and later as soloist with the Kirov Ballet Russia. The four-bedroom apartment on Nievsly Prospekt where Macuja lived was home to Sergey Vikulov, People's Artist of Russia, former principal of the Kirov Theater and a brilliant choreographer in the classical style; his wife Tatiana Udalenkova, Macuja's teacher, coach and second mother; and conductor Alexander Vikulov, their son whom the Filipino ballerina considered her "white brother."

Bringing the family to the Philippines for a professional collaboration with her company had long been Elizalde's dream. The Russian family and Elizalde all thought "Romeo and Juliet" was a perfect vehicle for collaboration since the Shakespearean tale of tragic romance was quite familiar to Filipino audiences.

As Sergey, who worked on the new choreography of the ballet, says, since ballet demands a link with love, there is no better story for it than "Romeo and Juliet." "The music by Prokofiev is also one of the highest achievements in music in the 20th century," he added.

Alexander says "Romeo and Juliet" is one of the hardest music scores to be played by an orchestra. (Some) parts are technically difficult for one violinist to play, for example, let alone several violinists at the same time. It is very demanding and needs a lot of work." He has been rehearsing with the Philippine Philharmonic Orchestra and he finds Filipino musicians friendly and dedicated.

Sergey believes the skills of the company's younger dancers have grown considerably. Describing them as fast learners who remember even his improvisations, he feels they can now take on the demands of his choreography quite readily.

"It would have been impossible to think of mounting 'Romeo and Juliet' five years ago. But they have matured and achieved so much progress," notes Tatiana. "They have a high degree of professionalism, which was noticed by the St. Petersburg audience when Ballet Manila performed there last January."

Husband and wife agreed it was unusual for St. Petersburg balletomanes to come in droves to see a small and unknown foreign company. The couple says that what attracted audiences, apart from the curiosity, was the presence of Elizalde. Russians apparently still remember the first Filipino and first foreigner to become soloist of the Kirov Ballet.

The Vikulovs say they always knew Lisa would become a great ballerina. "It was already apparent even before her graduation performance," says Tatiana. "We didn't know that she would start her own company, but the belief was already there that she would succeed."

The Filipino ballerina's affinity with the Vikulovs actually grew in the midst of adversity. "I went to my teacher after learning that my brother Jerry had died in a car accident in Manila," recalls Lisa. "My parents decided it was best that I did not go home as it would not accomplish anything. In Russia I was at a crucial time in my career since I was scheduled to dance with the Kirov. I stayed overnight then (with the Vikulovs) and that one night became two and, finally, after staying the night so many times, they invited me to ... move in because I was like part of their family already."

The Vikulovs served as Elizalde's anchor away from home. As Tatiana's star student, the two grew even closer when she lived with them. Tatiana would watch Elizalde's performance with the Kirov, then have tea with her and a long night of corrections and comments that helped the dancer hone her craft.

LISA with her second mother, Tatiana Udalenkova

Elizalde also has fond memories of Sergey, when he was still dancing professionally. "At one point, he was Albrecht and I was the peasant pas de deux girl in 'Giselle.' It was great to have a father figure in the theater because we would ride the bus together from work, or leave for work at the same time. We would do shopping and cooking together as well," Elizalde recalls.

Alexander became Lisa's little brother, often teasing Elizalde and once even locking her in a closet as a joke. He was very curious about life in the Philippines and grew attached to the Filipina in their midst. "We would even sing a duet in Russian while he played the piano. Of course, we were out of tune," Elizalde chuckles.

For the Filipino ballerina, bringing the Vikulovs to Manila for their first professional collaboration as a family is a dream come true. Dancing her favorite lyrical role, she says, is made more significant by their presence and participation in the ballet.

Sergey's foremost concern, as opening night draws near, is pleasing the local audience. "We should not disappoint the people that will come to the theater. And we can do that by being sincere in what we are doing."

He says working together as a family has been a treat, despite occasional arguments over details. "It is necessary to argue to come up with the best results," he explains. "But we do complement one another's talents and we fortify each other's strengths."

Tatiana, who is happy that the Vaganova ballet tradition has been passed on to a new generation of dancers in the Philippines, beams, "Our coming here is just a continuation of what Lisa started when she came to St. Petersburg to study."

Incidentally, Elizalde is receiving on premiere night the Order of International Friendship from the Russian government to mark the 25th anniversary of Russian-Philippine diplomatic relations.

"Romeo and Juliet" features a new choreography by Sergey, stirring music by Prokofiev to be rendered by the Philippine Philharmonic Orchestra, and world-class performances by the country's top ballet artists led by Elizalde and Osias Barroso. It opens 8 p.m., Sept. 28, at the Cultural Center of the Philippine's Tanghalang Nicanor Abelardo (Main Theater). Performances will also be held at 3 and 8 p.m. on Sept. 29, and 3 p.m. on Sept. 30.

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BM soloist Elline Damian is Juliet surrounded by the male leads in Sergey Vikulov's "Romeo and Juliet"

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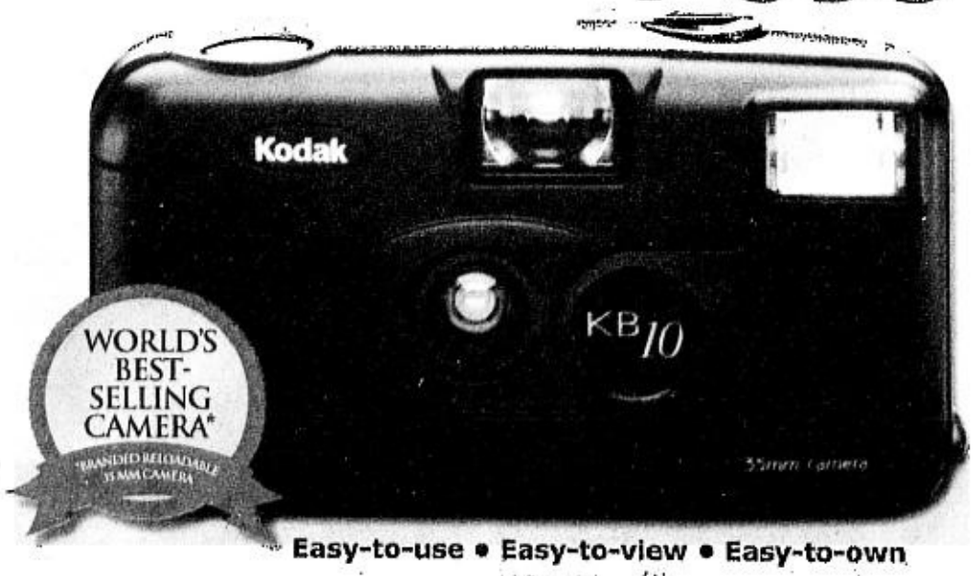

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Tita Dulce

DEAR Tita Dulce,

Your column is very informative. May I turn to you for help? I am turning 21 on Oct. 21 and may I know if there are medicines or anything that can help me grow? I am afraid I will forever be vertically challenged. I am embarrassed every time I have to divulge my true age. Hoping for your answer.

VERTICALLY CHALLENGED

For now I have no answer except to suggest that you to go see a doctor. When you go to the hospital nearest you, go to the information desk and ask who you should consult. This is a small world. Some kind readers might have the answer on what you should do, eat or drink or who to see. They can e-mail you at sandejas18@yahoo.com.au or they can write to me. It is what you can do that counts. You did not state your height. I'm sure you are more than 3 ft tall.

Looking for a hypnotist

GOOD day! This is my second time to write you. I'm a teacher. I hope you will give space for this. I really need a good hypnotist. Please help me find one. I'm here in Cebu but I can't find one. Please help!

CHELO BIANO

Again, I have to express my embarrassment. First the letter above and now yours... I have no answer. But then for every problem there always is an answer. Readers here in Metro Manila (or maybe Siquijor?) might have one. I did not get your first letter, which may have explained why you need one.

Meantime, just remember that the power of the mind can help you go through life, and more things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of. Maybe your problem will also inspire some writer to interview a hypnotist. You know, it is easier to find a psychic. If some thoughtful reader will respond to your dilemma, they may e-mail you at chelo_bi@hotmail.com.

A school for autistic children

Dear Jezie, who wants to know where in Quezon City is a school for autistic children. Readers tried to get in touch with you, but your e-mail may have been full. The Bridge Foundation Inc. is at 22 Scout Limbaga, QC, tel. 372-0752/53.

E-mail the author at titadulce@netscape.net or send letters to P.O. Box 2353, Makati CPO 1263 Makati City, or PDI, Chino Roces Avenue corner Yague and Mascardo Streets, Makati City

MARRIAGE OF PRACTICALITY AND STYLE

SARI-SARI teams up with designer Michelle Lim to dress up the modern Filipina bride. Complementing the shop's Okasyon line, Michelle Lim for Sari-Sari marks a welcome development for today's busy career girls who are always looking for high-quality yet reasonable priced dresses to wear on special occasions. The Sari-Sari Okasyon will be exhibited on Sept. 4-16 at the Fountain Area, Rockwell Power Plant; Sept. 5-16, Glorietta 3 Hallway Ayala Center; and Sept. 6-27, Sari-Sari Megamall. Photo shows Sari-Sari's Marni Ocampo with Dr. Nanette Domingo Reyes and son with the models in Michelle Lim's design.

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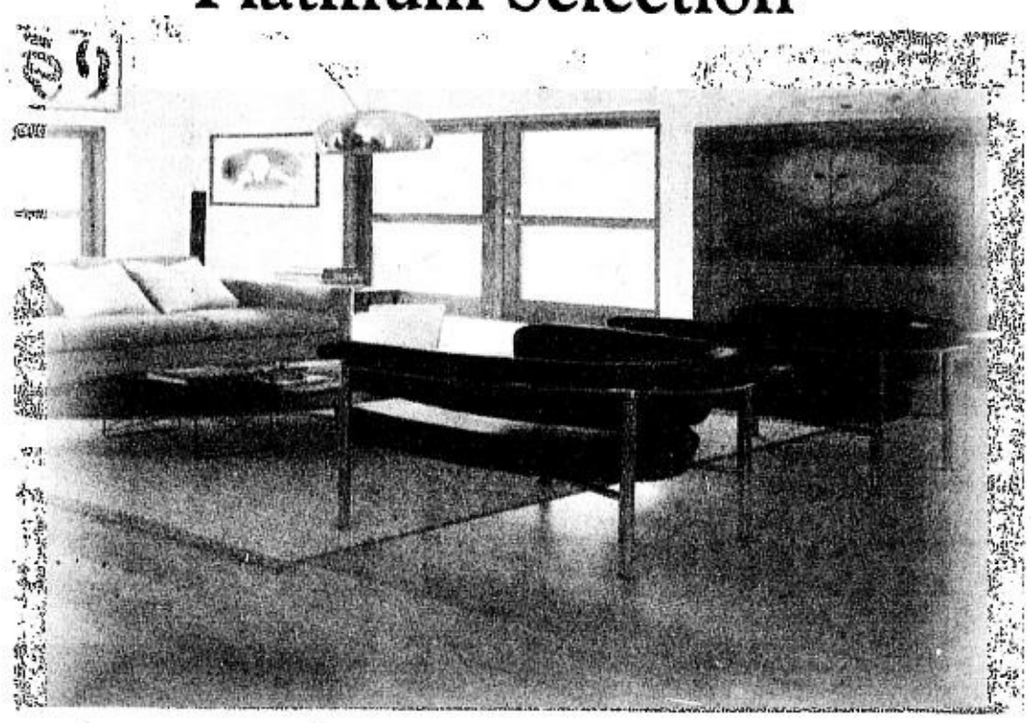

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PHILIPPINE pork, er, flag makes it to Seattle.

Swine-crazed in Seattle

The city's unlikely celebration of the porcine world is causing wild, sleepless nights

TEXT AND PHOTOS
BY ALEX Y. VERGARA

THE LOVELY city of Seattle has gone to the pigs! But instead of covering their noses or shunning them, residents and tourists can't help but smile, admire and stroke the city's newest spectacles, even posing to have their pictures taken with them.

Over 150 swine made from fiberglass have been hogging the streets of Seattle since the start of summer as part of the city's "Pigs on Parade." These pigs may be inspired by the porcine likeness of Rachel, Pike Market's bronze piggy bank, but no two figures are alike.

Rachel, the market's resident mascot (yes, she did go there), has been bringing home the bacon since she was unveiled at Pike 15 years ago. Her fans have been contributing thousands of dollars each year to pay for the market's upkeep and salaries of its personnel. Rachel's more whimsical siblings were created for a good cause as well.

PIGGY totem pole

Free rein

The original porky silhouette designed by sculptor Georgia Gerber may be the same, but each artist involved in the project was given free imaginative and creative rein to reinvent Rachel. Babe the pig and Babe the baseball great, for instance, were fused to become an unlikely hybrid.

Who needs Miss Piggy when you can have Carmen Miranda? But the once shapely vamp has gained weight and grown a snout. Still, she still wears that signature summer dress and faux hat made of grapes, bananas and pineapples. Thank goodness, neither pig nor fruits are real. Otherwise, none of that juicy produce would've lasted even a minute.

Artists wittingly or unwittingly tried to outdo each other by using myriad materials, objects, colors, textures and patterns to dress up their respective pigs. And who says pigs stink? If only those flowers plastered on her body were fresh, Madame Fleur de Piglette would truly be a scent-sational hit.

There's a mirror-encrusted pig displayed at a Nordstrom showroom. Inspired by a disco ball, Disco Pig hangs from the ceiling of the upscale department store and not from a bamboo pole and revolves and glitters for everyone to see. Totem Pig pays homage to America's Indian heritage, while Raj Pig, with its dainty beads and fancy umbrella of a headdress, draws inspiration from another group of Indians on the other side of the globe.

PSYCHEDELIC pig, rear view

Several artists have likewise succeeded in combining form and function. A couple of pigs double as pork, er, park benches, terrestrial and celestial maps and pig mobiles and motorcycles.

A neon-blue entry, for instance, is crisscrossed with golden lines which, upon closer scrutiny, are various constellations. Metallic stars adorn each foot of this astro pig.

Ordinary pigs

Even ordinary people weren't spared. There's a baker pig wearing a toque and holding a skillet, a stockbroker, a samurai warrior and a Feng Soo-ey expert. The parade has its share of historical inspirations as well: Pigasus and Hieroglypig.

Each pig, by the way, was sponsored by businesses and families based in the city. Funds generated from the summer-long festival will not only go to Pike Market but also to various beneficiaries.

The parade culminates this month with the selection of the top 12 pigs based on people's votes online. These portly works of art will be included in the 2002 "Pigs on Parade" calendar.

A designer pig to grace every month of the year? Indeed, a far from boaring, er, boring year is ahead of us.

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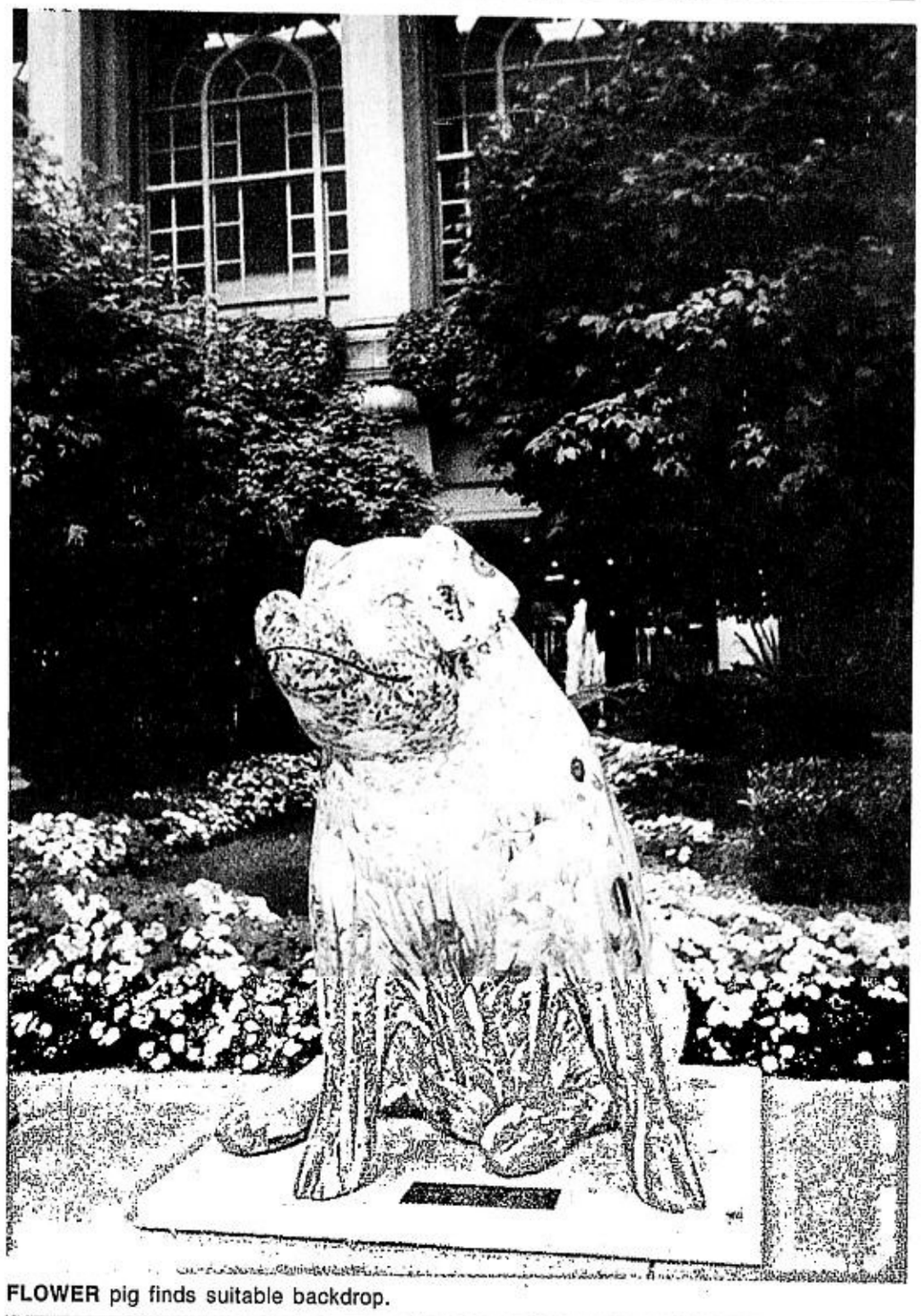
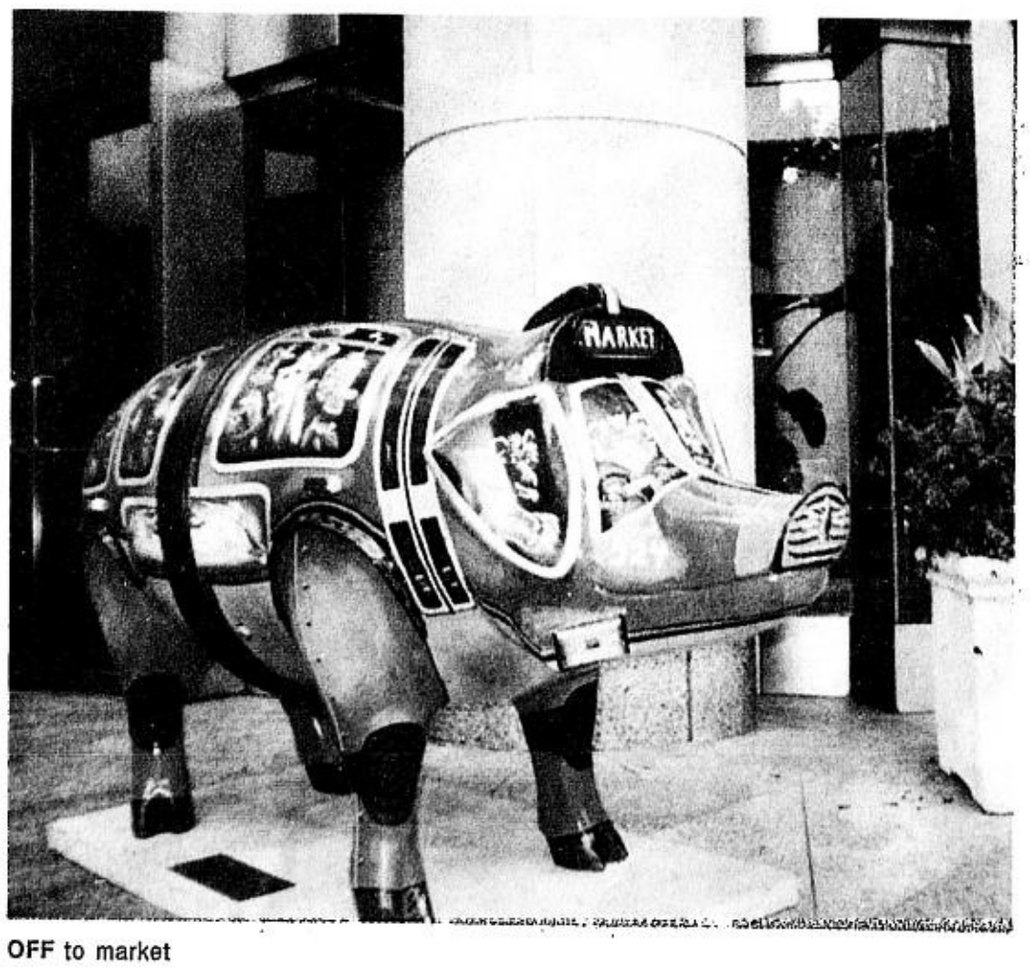


FLOWER pig finds suitable backdrop.

PIG on a roll

PORK bench



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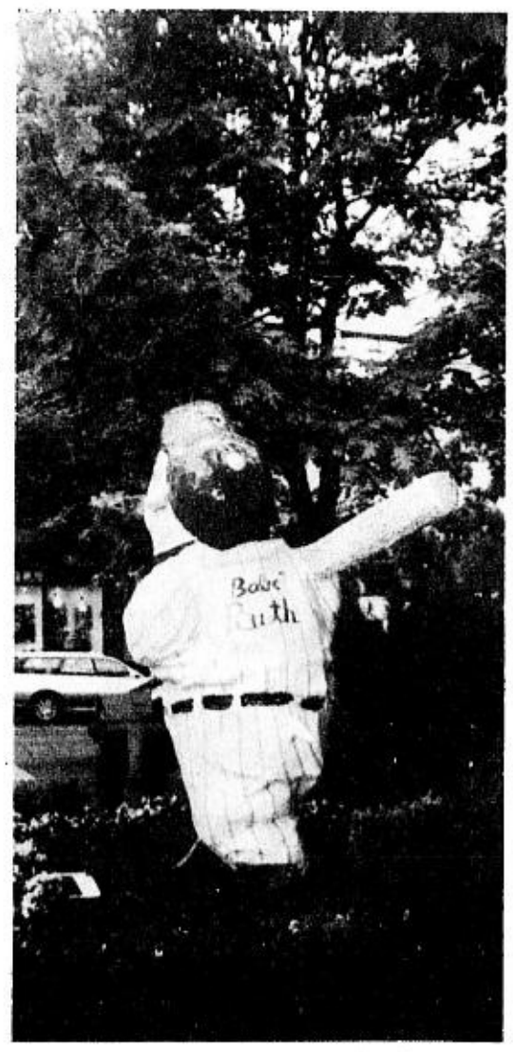


GUESS which Babe is this?

MOVE over, Miss Piggy! Carmen Miranda is here.

Treason in the Senate

(From page D1)

a shipping magnate to whom he reportedly proposed marriage. Thank goodness she was smart enough to demand a prenuptial agreement. When he refused to sign one, she said goodbye.

The wedding robber

BEWARE of wedding-gift pilferers! For the recent wedding of a media-bred couple, well-wishers sent their gifts to the home of the groom's parents. One of them, former MTRCB chair **Armida Siguion-Reyna**, cared enough to call the couple days later to find out if they had received her gift. They said they had not received any.

An inquiry with the Rustan's bridal registry showed that the gift was delivered and received by the security guard at the house where the reception was held. Quick calls to other well-wishers showed some other gifts were also missing. The groom's father complained to the security agency and the security guard was fired. Hmmm, makes you wonder—have security guards been running away with wedding gifts all these years?

Response to reader's complaint

DEAR Mr. Kerkdijk,

We would like to thank you for your trust in the Dr. Victor R. Potenciano Medical Center (VRPMC) for your healthcare needs. For almost 10 years now, you have trusted us to take care of your family and this trust means a lot to us. This is why we have always provided you with quality healthcare service. This is also why we would like to ask you to allow us to address every point you have raise in your letter to the INQUIRER (PDI Lifestyle, 08/26/01).

Please note that our rate for outpatients, for CBC and platelet count is P370 per patient. This rate is lower than that of Cardinal Santos, Makati Medical Center, Medical City, St. Luke's and UST for the same tests.

On the other hand, socialized rates for ancillary services such as x-ray, laboratory, etc. (except pharmacy and surgical-medical supplies) are provided for our inpatients based on room categories. At VRPMC, we have four categories: Category 1 (outpatient), Category 2 (ward, semi-private), Category 3 (small and private) and Category 4 (deluxe and suite).

These socialized rates allow patients to independently choose, based on their budget, the categories of rooms they will avail while confined in the hospital. A bigger room with more amenities comes with a slightly higher rate than of a smaller room.

Our room rate for a big private deluxe room (area is about 23-25 sq m at the rate of P1,075) with air conditioning, telephone, refrigerator and cable television is actually lower than that of Cardinal Santos, Chinese General Hospital, Makati Medical, National Kidney Institute, St. Luke's and UST.

As is practiced in the industry, the rates of each specific healthcare service for inpatients are also dependent on the room category they have chosen. This socialized system of rates is also being practiced in other hospitals. Thus, the hospital had to charge P630 per child for each of their CBC and platelet count tests because that rate corresponds to the category of their room.

Based on your hospital records you chose to occupy a big deluxe room during the confinement of your two children on Aug. 10-13. VRPMC allowed use of just one room for your two children who have the same ailment instead of the usual policy of one room per patient for the room category you chose. This hopefully provided you and your family significant convenience during your stay. Furthermore, the room rate charged for the confinement of your second child was cut in half.

Also, we would like to point out that hospital rates are usually higher than those of clinics or stand-alone medical facilities due to overhead costs and the quality of services offered 24 hours, seven days a week by full-service medical institutions.

Regarding cost of urinalysis, please note that the P250 you mentioned in your letter to the INQUIRER is the rate for an inpatient booked in a deluxe room. Our outpatient rate for urinalysis, which is in the same category as that in the INQUIRER chart you referred to, is only P130. Compared to other hospitals, our rate for urinalysis is lower than that of Makati Medical, Medical City and St. Luke's. Our rate is similar to that of the National Kidney Institute and UST but is higher than Cardinal Santos, Chinese General and Philippine Heart Center.

The change from our hospital's name of Polymedic General Hospital to Dr. Victor R. Potenciano Medical Center took effect in celebration of our 25th anniversary and in honor of our founder who had the vision of a "hospital that cares." That particular slogan has always been our slogan.

In fact, it has been our commitment to our patients. Our commitment to providing quality service also took us as far as earning the honor and distinction of being the first hospital in Metro Manila to be ISO 9001 certified. The change in our business name was just a change in name but we would like to assure you that VRPMC is still being managed by the same people and the same corporation.

We took note of your letter and found out from our nurses' notes and graphic sheets that vital signs such as the children's temperature, pulse rate, respiratory rate and blood pressure were taken by our nurses every four hours. The children's medication were also given by our nurses and in some cases, endorsed to their mothers.

Despite the above reports, we investigated and found out that our census on the ninth floor when your children were admitted were as follows: Aug. 10 (100 percent), Aug. 11 (84 percent), Aug. 12 (105 percent) and Aug. 13 (73 percent).

Nevertheless, our nurses did the best that they could to take care of all the patients present at the time. And we believed that our patients received enough attention, given what the whole hospital industry is experiencing the moment.

Our hospital does not receive any external assistance. No special discounts for utilities, licenses and permits are extended to us. Even the collection of garbage is done by a private firm and paid for by VRPMC. Hospital employees are allowed to organize themselves and demand benefits for its members and their dependents. The hospital is required by law to grant all benefits mandated by the government. No special consideration for importation of equipment and supplies and reagents used in laboratory tests are provided. As matter of fact, 90 percent of the services we offer in the industry is highly dependent on imported materials. Every time the exchange rate of dollar increases vis-à-vis the peso, we suffer the consequences. The Department of Health even requires private hospitals to maintain charity beds. Numerous patients absconding on their obligations and promissory notes left not honored and amounting to millions of peso are realities that hospitals like VRPMC face.

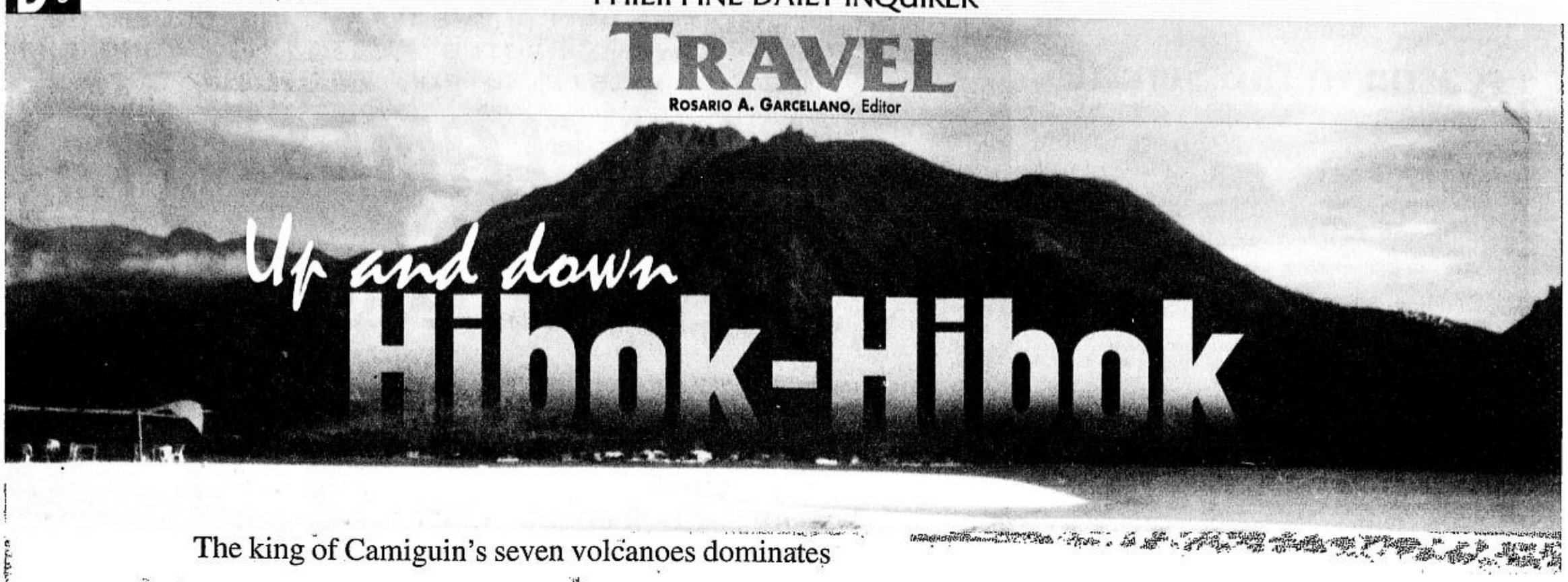
We will also ask your pediatrician, Dr. Ardenliz Regalado Garcia, who practices at VRPMC, to explain why the issues you have raised were not immediately endorsed to us so that we could have properly acted to correct and improve our services as embodied in VRPMC's internal quality assurance policy.

We hope that you would continue to trust VRPMC to take care of your medical needs.

(Sgd.) MA. VICTORIA P. VERGEL DE DIOS
Hospital Administrator

TRAVEL

ROSARIO A. GARCELLANO, Editor



Up and down Hibok-Hibok

The king of Camiguin's seven volcanoes dominates the northern half of the island and is 1,250 meters high. Its name comes from the word meaning 'that which heaves'

BY BENJAMIN L. LAYUG

I'VE followed the TV series "Survivor II: The Australian Outback," and admired man's resiliency in the face of hardship and deprivation. I've always wondered how it would feel to be a member of one of the "tribes." Last April, I found some answers.

Our group arrived at the island of Camiguin on April 8, and we were billeted in air-conditioned comfort (complete with private bath and cable TV) at the Cabuaan Beach Resort in Mambajao. We sampled what the island had to offer—the breathtakingly beautiful Katibawasan Falls, the icy Sto. Niño Cold Spring, the dazzling White Island, the white-sand Kibila Beach and historic sites such as the old Guiob Church and the Sunken Cemetery.

Through it all, the pear-shaped island's volcanic origin was paramount. And somehow we felt that our stay there would not be complete without climbing one of its seven volcanoes.

There are more volcanoes than towns in Camiguin. The king—and the only active—of them all is the 1,250-meter-high Mt. Hibok-Hibok, whose name is derived from the word meaning "that which heaves."

Hibok-Hibok, which dominates the northern half of the island, has a moss-encircled crater lake. Steam outlets can be found on many parts of the peak. Its first recorded eruption was in 1827. It continually smoked and rumbled between 1948 and 1951, with minor eruptions in '48 and '49 (79 killed in landslides). By then a dome had formed.

On Dec. 5, 1951, the volcano erupted without warning, issuing steaming hot gases and killing 3,000 people. A glowing avalanche of lava devastated many villages and covered about 10 square kilometers. More than 30,000 people left the island after the eruption.

Now, almost half a century later, we were going to test our mettle by climbing Hibok-Hibok. We put the prospect to a vote by our "tribe" of seven men and six women—freelance artist V Sevilla (fondly called "Ate V"); Randy Ypon, a *balikbayan* from Canada; advertising executives Lulu Siguenza of Warner Home Video, Henry Chua of Pizza Hut, Carl Allen and Goni Gonzalez of McCann Ericksson, Jake San Diego of Ace Saatchi, Tey Abonador of Harrison Communications, Rose Pantoja and Nubbin Beldia of Aviacom and Karen Rosel of Publicis-AMA; and myself and my son Jandy.

It was a sure "go" for the men. Carl and Randy are seasoned mountain climbers while Jandy and I have climbed Mt. Makulot (Cuenca, Batangas) twice and hiked up to the Batad Rice Terraces. Lulu and V, our original Makulot companions, were also in. Tey, Karen and the "flower girls" Rose and Goni (short for Begonia) voted themselves out.

We decided to make the climb on Wednesday, April 18.

Ascent

We woke at 7 a.m., had our usual Filipino breakfast, dressed casually and were collected by our usual hired "tourist van" (actually a passenger jeep driven by the ever reliable and friendly Camiguinons Charlie and Rico). For provisions we each brought bottled water, and two loaves of sliced bread and canned chicken spread bought at the public market.

We left at 8 a.m. and arrived 20 minutes later at the Ardent Hot Spring Resort (managed by the Philippine Tourism Authority) in Barangay Esperanza, the take-off point for the climb.

Located six km southwest of the town, this therapeutic mineral spring gushes from the bowels of Hibok-Hibok into a beautifully designed natural-stone swimming pool. The temperature of the water reaches as high as 50 degrees Celsius and picnickers here boil fresh eggs in the pool's shallow portion.

At the resort we hired the services of Camiguinon guides Hamilton and RV (for the fee of P350 each, they also carried our provisions). We began our climb at 8:30 a.m.—Hamilton in front and RV at the rear—after about 10 minutes of stretching exercises.

We walked through a light forest and a hamlet of two houses and went past a coconut plantation before entering another light forest. The cheerful banter soon gave way to a subdued silence as we made our way up loose soil and blackened volcanic rocks, grasping at trees and sharp, meter-high *cogon* for support.

Soon scratches appeared on our hands, arms and legs. We were also consuming our water at an alarming rate, and I had to tell Jandy to just wet his lips instead.

Our rest periods were frequent. Super-fit Carl suggested a 2-minute rest period after a 10-minute hike. Chubby Nubbin, on the other hand, suggested the reverse, drawing laughter from all of us. There's nothing like a touch of laughter—the best medicine—to make us forget, albeit temporarily, our sore muscles and flagging spirits.

As we went higher up the mountain, the panorama of a clear blue sky above, Mt. Tres Marias below, and C-shaped White Island far out into the sea came into view. It was an ideal photo opportunity.

AT THE crater's rim

We hiked for another two hours and were relieved to enter a gently sloping light forest. So much for the hard part, or so we thought. We did not yet know that as in a typhoon, we were just experiencing the calm before the storm. The tip of the volcano still loomed far, far ahead. From here to the summit it would be a tough scramble on a steeper, 40-45-degree section over loose rocks, boulders, scree, lava, and rock faces.

Since it was noon we decided to have our lunch of bread and chicken spread. We had difficulty washing it down because of our alarmingly low water supply. We realized how inadequate our provisions were.

It was also during this rest period that I began to feel pain in my legs.

Decisions

We decided to get going at 1 p.m. in order to make it to the peak by 2 p.m. We estimated a return trip of 3-4 hours, and we didn't want to be caught by nightfall. Nobody had thought to bring flashlights.

I was bringing up the rear and my legs bothered me all too frequently. Cramps! When I saw that I was slowing the group down, I told the others to go on ahead and leave me with Jandy.

But I failed to reckon with my son's fighting spirit, and I was put in a quandary. My spirit was willing but my flesh was weak. Since he was diagnosed as afflicted with autism, I had trained Jandy to be as independent as he could be and to make decisions on his own. And he had decided to push on.

With a heavy heart I let him go, but not without getting assurances from the rest of the "tribe" that he would be watched and guided carefully. It pained me to see him walk away, but I knew it was for his self-fulfillment. Soon they disappeared up the trail.

I had not abandoned the idea of making it up Hibok-Hibok, and I struggled, cramps and all, to do so. But it was an exercise in futility as it just drained my remaining strength and water. I decided to save my strength for the descent, and silently "voted" myself out of the race.

Resting by a rock, I began to pray like I had never done before. I asked the Almighty to guide my son's every step. In between prayers, my eyelids began to droop and I soon fell into a fitful sleep.

I was awakened by a shout coming from atop the volcano. From afar, I could espy Nubbin and Jake yelling their hearts out in jubilation. They were the first to make it. I could not tell if Jandy was among them. I shouted back at them and waved with my towel but they neither saw nor heard me. I waited anxiously for their return.

After about half an hour I was reassured by the sound of Jandy's voice as they came down. He was all right, thank God. I went up to meet my son, accompanied by Lulu, V and Henry, halfway.

According to the group, Jandy was third up the summit, followed by his guardian angel Randy, then Carl and Henry. The women brought up the rear. All perched precariously on the barely 5-foot-wide knife's edge on the crater's rim. After a 30-minute rest cum photo shoot, Jandy and Henry, RV and the women started their descent. The other guys decided to stay and explore the crater's rim.

But it was getting very late and we had to go down as fast as we could before sundown. There was a bit of bad news: Our water supply was exhausted. We would have to go down the mountain thirsty.

Descent

Since we were not going against gravity, it would seem that the descent would be a breeze, right? Wrong. As the soil was loose, it was slippery all the way and we also had to watch our step on loose rocks. There was also the need to cling to something, but it was painful to cling to the sharp *cogon*. V made the mistake of grasping at prickly ground ferns. No one in the group was exempt from bleeding cuts and scratches.

The very steep slopes were hard on the joints. My knees soon began to ache. We also had to combat our hunger and thirst. Jandy kept saying that we should stop to rest, but I had to goad him on as it was getting dark. RV and V were soon out of sight as Henry, Lulu and Jandy and I rested, and Carl, Randy and Jake—who had earlier been left behind—soon caught up with us and passed us by.

Just when we thought we would not make it, RV brought out bottles refilled with spring water from the hamlet we passed on our way up. Our spirits were somehow revived. It was still a long way off but now we did not have to contend with thirst.

We reached the Ardent Hot Spring Resort at 6 p.m. bedraggled, scratched, hungry, thirsty and weak. It had taken all of six hours to reach the top and another three-and-a-half hours to make it down.

We lolled in the soothingly hot spring waters for about 30 minutes until, remembering our hunger, hied off to the restaurant for a well-deserved dinner.

We were all in bed by 8 p.m.

Lessons

Hibok-Hibok poses a challenge even to the most seasoned climber, and it pays to be fit through exercise. Proper footwork and technique are essential to prevent sprains and cramps. Be sure to wear appropriate clothing (pants and long sleeves, while uncomfortable in the heat, are great for avoiding scratches and cuts).

Bring adequate water and food, but travel light and leave your hands free for grasping. Start very early, preferably before sunrise, to avoid the midday sun. Always arrange for an experienced guide from the tourism office or any resort.

My praise goes to all the members of our expedition, especially my son Jandy who, in spite of his handicap and the debilitating effects of heat, thirst and hunger, adamantly refused to quit and pushed on to victory. It was truly a triumph of the human spirit.

If given the opportunity, would I make the climb again? My answer is a resounding "Yes!" If asked why, I would give the same reply of that great Mt. Everest conqueror, Sir Edmund Hillary: "Because it is there."

But make no mistake. Hibok-Hibok is a very, very strenuous climb. Take it from this Pinoy "Survivor."

POSING for posterity at the top

TRAVEL BRIEFS

'For Art's Sake'

SINGAPORE'S annual "For Art's Sake" is offering a feast of music and dance, theater, visual arts and cultural events.

For the first time, Mastercard and The Singapore Visitors Card Pte. Ltd. are issuing a special card to tourists who buy arts packages to Singapore from travel agencies in their home countries.

Cameron Mackintosh's "Miss Saigon" is playing at the Kallang Theatre until Sept. 30. The world-renowned Fabergé collection of Imperial Easter Eggs—part of the Forbes magazine collection from New York—will be on view at the Singapore Art Museum on Sept. 25-Nov. 25.

ARTSingapore, the world's most prestigious contemporary Asian art fair, will feature works from England, Hong Kong, Japan, Thailand, Korea and Singapore on Sept. 29-Oct. 3 at the Singapore International Convention and Exhibition Centre. Organizers are hoping to double last year's record sale of $500,000 and turnout of over 15,000 art aficionados.

Supported by the Singapore Tourism Board, "For Art's Sake" is now into its third year. It now has its own website, www.forartsake.com. Visitors to the site stand to win palm tops, books and cash vouchers.

Pilgrimages

CAUSEWAY Tours is organizing pilgrimages to Our Lady of Piat in Cagayan Valley and Our Lady of Peñafrancia in Bicol.

The first, scheduled on Sept. 7-9, includes a tour of Cagayan Valley's top tourist attractions, including Calvary Hill in Iguig, Callao Cave in Peñablanca, Tumauini and San Pablo in Isabela.

The second, set on Sept. 14-16 is timed for the feast of Our Lady of Peñafrancia. Participants will visit as well Buhi, Albay, Naga and Sorsogon, and get a chance to view Bicol's pride, the world-famous Mayon Volcano.

For details and reservations, call 853-8652, 853-8728, or 0917-3428664.

'Weekday Drop'

WORKAHOLICS are invited to take a break from their day-to-day routine through Holiday Inn Manila's "Weekday Drop" package.

Superior room accommodations with set breakfast at The Patisserie can be had for as low as P2,100 net on single, P2,300 net on double, or P2,500 net on triple occupancy.

The package is available until Sept. 30 for Sundays to Thursday check-ins only and is exclusive to local residents. Advance reservation is required as rooms are subject to availability.

For inquiries and reservations, call 526-1212 extension 2343 or 2333, fax to (632) 526-5566 or e-mail reservations@manila.holiday-inn.com.ph

Expanded route network

ASIANA Airlines (OZ), the Korean national carrier, has expanded its international route network to China and Europe.

It has introduced flights between Seoul and Nanjing, the capital city of China's Jiangsu province along the historical Yangtze River.

OZ has also launched flights through Europe via Frankfurt, Germany. From Seoul, it now flies to Frankfurt thrice weekly on state-of-the-art Boeing 747-400s.

New flights to London will be inaugurated this month.

OZ, Air Transport World's Passenger Service of the Year awardee, recently became the largest operator of services between Korea and China.

Among its China destinations are Harbin, Changchun, Chengdu, Yanji, Beijing, Yantai, Xian, Chongqing, Guilin, Guangzhou, Hong Kong, Shenzhen and Shanghai. The airline flies to these destinations from Seoul, Pusan and Cheju.

To celebrate the launch of the new route, Asiana Club members will earn a special double mileage bonus for flights to Frankfurt from now until Sept. 20.

The airline has also modernized its fleet with the purchase of a Boeing 777-200ER, the world's largest twin-engine jet.

For more information, call 892-5681 to 88.

BONDING

Punta Baluarte, set on a hill overlooking the Balayan Bay and South China Sea, is ideal for outdoor group dynamics, team-building, camping and other bonding activities. There are ample facilities for indoor corporate meetings as well. Check out its "Meeting Advantage," which is valid until Dec. 20. For inquiries, call its Makati office at 899-4546, fax to 899-4551, or e-mail puntabal@info.com.ph.

ROLLERCOASTER thrills at Dreamscape.

Robinsons Galleria has upgraded its Cineplex with new theaters, new food places and new fun centers

CINEMA magic returns to Robinsons Galleria.

FAMILY DESTINATION

Movie-going beyond the popcorn

BY CATHY BABAO GUBALLA
PHOTOS BY ROGER CARPIO

EATING out and watching a movie are among Filipino families' favorite ways of spending quality time together. Now the newly opened Movieworld Cineplex at Robinsons Galleria makes these outings an even more pleasant experience.

Ten state-of-the-art cinemas, which are fully equipped with the latest in sound and projection technology, make their home on the fourth level of the Robinsons Galleria. Robinsons Land did a multimillion-peso renovation on its six cinemas and added four more at the mezzanine of the Cineplex area. Other major improvements include 5,000 new fabric-upholstered seats, a spacious lobby and a videowall.

Surrounding the Cineplex are several new restaurants, snack shops, coffee and tea places, and even a small bookstore that carries mostly hardbound, hard-to-find titles.

For lunch or dinner before or after a movie, families can choose from the newly renovated Gourmet Café's light fare of pastas and salads, Café Med's exotic cuisine, Tortilla Fusion's Mexican delights. On one side of the Cineplex is good old Kentucky Fried Chicken. For dessert, there is Dunkin Donuts or Dippin Dots ice cream. Snack stands, some offering healthy munchies (using unsaturated oil), are just outside the cinemas. Taters Stadia, a full-service restaurant-bar, offers healthy meals for cholesterol watchers. Java junkies can get their fill from either Starbucks or Coffee Experience, the pioneer of the coffee-to-go concept in the Philippines. Tea lovers will delight in the various healthy green tea concoctions offered by Taka's Tea Bar.

Amusement center

While waiting for the movie to start, or if you have a few minutes to spare after the screening, browse around Books n' Books which has a wide array of hardbound books for kids and adults. If the children have energy to expend after the movies, stroll down to Dreamscape, Robinson's indoor amusement center that has rides for everyone from ages 5-50.

After an hour or so at the amusement center, all can catch their breath at the Children's Library located at the end of the fourth level, far from the crowd. In here, parents will find comfy, colored beanbags to sit on as they watch their children pore over books of every size, shape and topic. There are also audio books and computers for interactive learning. Art and storytelling activities are also held.

On the same level as the Cineplex are stores that cater to children and teenagers — Funtasia, a clothing and toy store that carries mostly Disney merchandise; Odyssey records, for teen audiophiles; and Tetra Pet shop. There's even a kiddie barber-parlor called, what else, Kids Hair Salon.

Cineplex indeed has a bit of something for every member of the family—movies, food, toys, books and an amusement center—to make family outings more fun.

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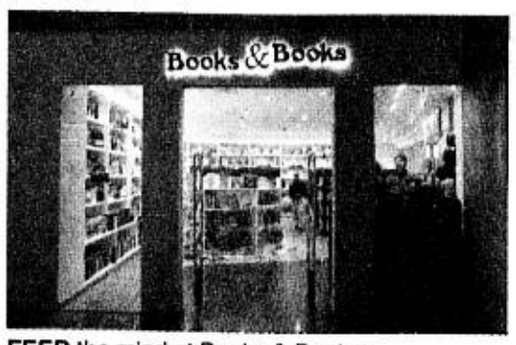

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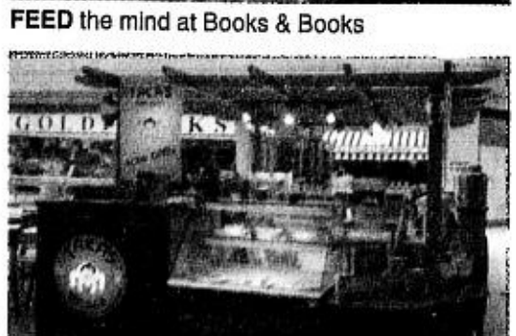
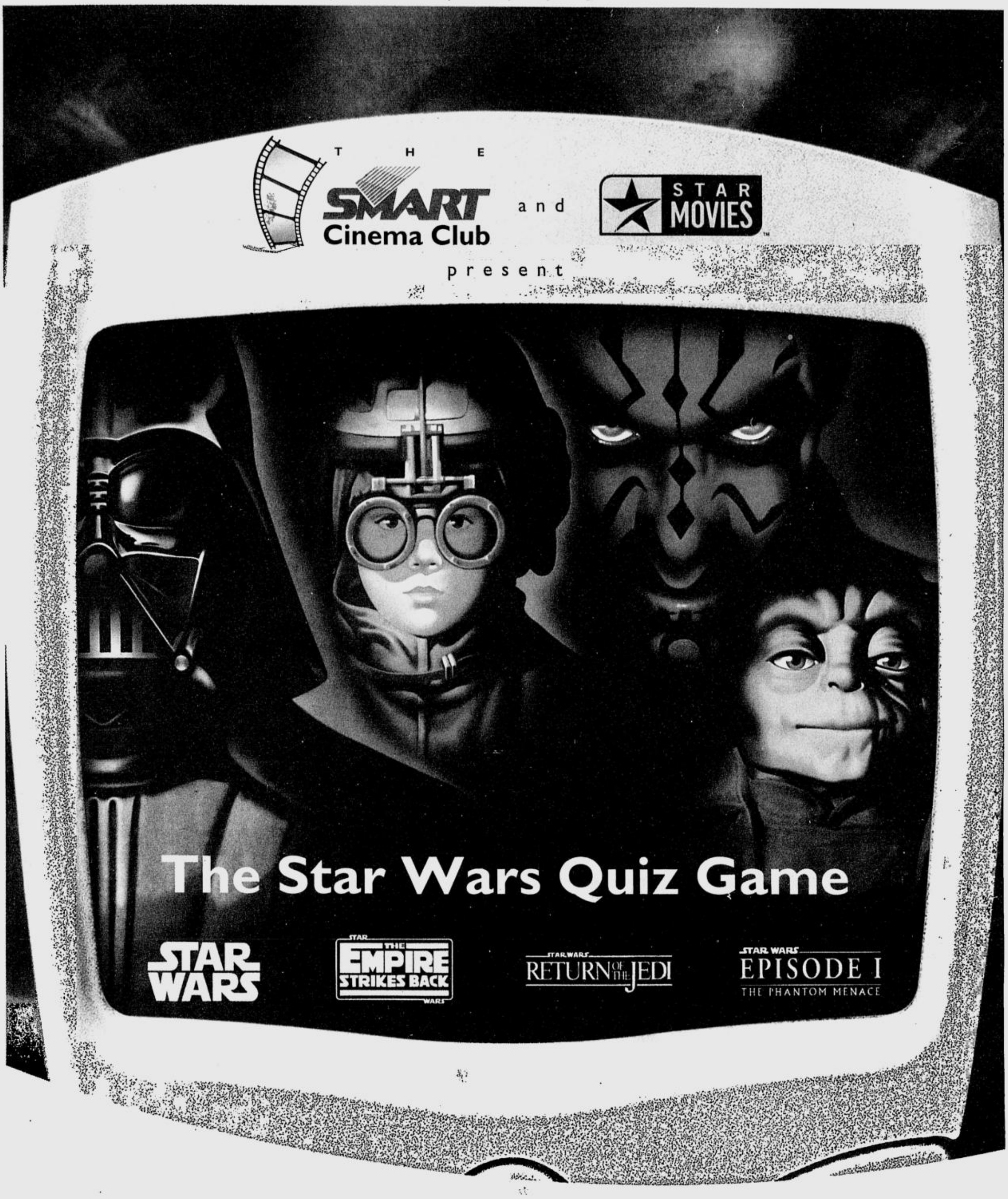


HEALTHY drinks at Taka's Tea Bar



All Smart Cinema Club members will get a chance to win exciting STAR WARS collectibles just by playing the Star Wars Quiz Game. And if they are subscribers to cable providers carrying Star Movies, they may also join the Star Movies Raffle for a chance to win a trip for 2 to Sydney, Australia!

To join the Smart Cinema Club:
- Key in "JOIN CINEMA" and send to 239.
  Follow the instructions that will be sent to you.

To play the Star Wars Quiz Game and get a chance to win collectibles:
1. Key in "PLAY STAR" and send to 239.
2. You'll receive a trivia question and multiple choice answers about the Star Wars movies.
3. To answer, simply press "Reply" and key in the number (1,2,3 or 4) corresponding to your chosen answer and press "Send".
4. Each correct answer entitles you to one raffle entry.
5. You will receive a message acknowledging if you got the answer correctly.
6. To find out the total raffle points accumulated, key in "STARWARS" and send to 239.

Note: If you're already playing a Smart Cinema Club game, quit first to play the Star Wars Quiz Game.

To get a chance to win a trip for 2 to Sydney, join the Star Movies raffle:

1. To join, key in "STAR MOVIES" and send to 239.

2. You'll be asked to text in your cable operator and cable account no. to 239.

3. You will then receive a confirmation message.

Note: Exclusive for club members with cable providers carrying STAR MOVIES.

Star Wars Quiz Game Promo Mechanics:
1. All SMART GSM subscribers that are members of SMART Cinema Club are eligible to participate in the Star Wars Quiz Game and win a Star Wars Collectibles Package.
2. Every correct answer in the Star Wars Quiz Game during the promo period credits the registered subscriber one (1) raffle entry. A participant may only win once.

Star Movies Raffle Promo Mechanics:
3. All SMART GSM subscribers that are members of SMART Cinema Club and are current subscribers of any cable operator authorized to carry Star Movies International are eligible to participate in the Star Movies Raffle to get a chance to win a 4-day 3-night tour for 2 to Sydney, Australia.
4. Each subscriber will automatically receive one (1) computer-generated raffle entry when he registers for the Star Movies Raffle. The subscriber is entitled to only one (1) raffle entry.
5. One (1) eligible winner will be drawn during the promo period. Winner must have no delinquent accounts with his cable operator.
6. Winners for both raffles will be drawn on September 17, 2001, 10:00 a.m., at the Cable Technology Asia Corp. (CTAC) office, 2903-D West Tower, PSE Bldg., Exchange Road, Ortigas Center, Pasig City. Draw will include all raffle entries collected up to 11:59 p.m. of September 15, 2001.
7. Winners will be notified by registered mail, text message, and a call to their registered mobile number.
8. For Metro Manila residents, their prizes can be picked up starting Sept. 17, 3:00 p.m., at the CTAC office, 2903-D West Tower, PSE Bldg., Exchange Road, Ortigas Center, Pasig City. For provincial winners, CTAC will send their prizes through registered mail.
9. Winners must present at least one valid ID with photo and signature to collect their prizes.
10. Promo period is from Sept. 2 to Sept. 15, 2001.

All text messages sent are P2.50 each.
See flyers for more details.

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MUST-HAVE HANDBAG. Balenciaga bag designed by Nicolas Ghesquiere

Waitlisted for a bag

By Anton San Diego

MUST-HAVE bag—Balenciaga. You can tell the success of a bag by the waiting list it generates.

This bag (designed by **Nicolas Ghesquiere** for Balenciaga) has a wait list of about 500 in New York alone. It is so exclusive that it has only come out in one magazine, Paris Vogue. TNT got wind of it when one of the more fashionable ladies about town revealed how she placed herself on the waiting list at Barney's. She's No. 300.

So, what's all the fuss about? This bag has no distinct feature—it is not embroidered or sequined. However, its aged leather is as soft as a glove and its look is slightly wild yet casual. It looks quite vintage even if new. Another attraction is the fact that the bag was created by Ghesquiere in limited edition for his friends (the select few include **Kate Moss, Charlotte Gainsbourg, Nicole Kidman, Christy Turlington, Françoise Hardy** and **Chloé Sevigny**). Owing to its success, the House of Balenciaga decided to produce it on a more commercial scale and released it only this August. Approximate cost—$950.

Piss off. A recent issue of the Singapore-based magazine, East, carried an article about a public campaign in Singapore to persuade men to pee straight and to flush after using public restrooms. In Thailand, the new health fad is drinking one's own urine. Respected Buddhist monks drink their urine supposedly to protect them from all sorts of illnesses (and I thought urine was only useful when you stepped on a sea urchin). The Thais seem to be picking up the habit.

I was thinking, if the Singapore campaign and the Thai fad got to the Philippines, they could mutate into something like this: If people are caught urinating in public (which everyone seems to be doing, never mind peeing straight) the penalty is to make them drink their own urine. It is beneficial and you won't need to flush.

Diary of Constance Brooke San Lorenzo vda. de Pendleton—On Oranges and other fruits. This week our favorite socialite and ex-Mare puts on her dancing shoes to try out the popular hangout of the young. Did she survive? Find out.

"Over the past year, I've been hearing wonderful things about a dance club called Orange on Makati Avenue. So after much begging (well, it started that way, but threatening is probably a better description of how it ended), I finally persuaded my darling nephew, Jay, to take me there. Jay is on their VIP list—I have NEVER paid for admission anywhere and I am certainly not about to start now.

"I must admit that I was in quite a quandary as to what to wear. After all, I have been off the dance club circuit for a number of years. These days I am more of a lounge lady. My velvet mafia was of no help whatsoever. Well, I took matters into my own hands and decided to take a simple route. I may have been out of the scene, but even I knew my old bugle beads and marabou were not going to cut it at Orange. I put on a white John Smedley crew neck (well, if you are going to be in a T-shirt it might as well be Sea Island cotton), skinny black Calvin Kleins (Collection, not CK), a pair of Hogans (athletic type shoes are very in) and the *piece de resistance*, a matador jacket I picked up many moons ago in Madrid (actually, I picked up the matador who was dressed in his suit of lights). I was feeling very hip.

"Jay told me that it was not very chic to go to Orange before 3 a.m., so I had a few drinks with friends before he picked me up. I was so excited! All I could think of was hard young bodies and my buzz absolutely helped.

"First off, the place certainly had a lot of energy. It was absolutely hopping but I kept overhearing Jay's friends asking why he was

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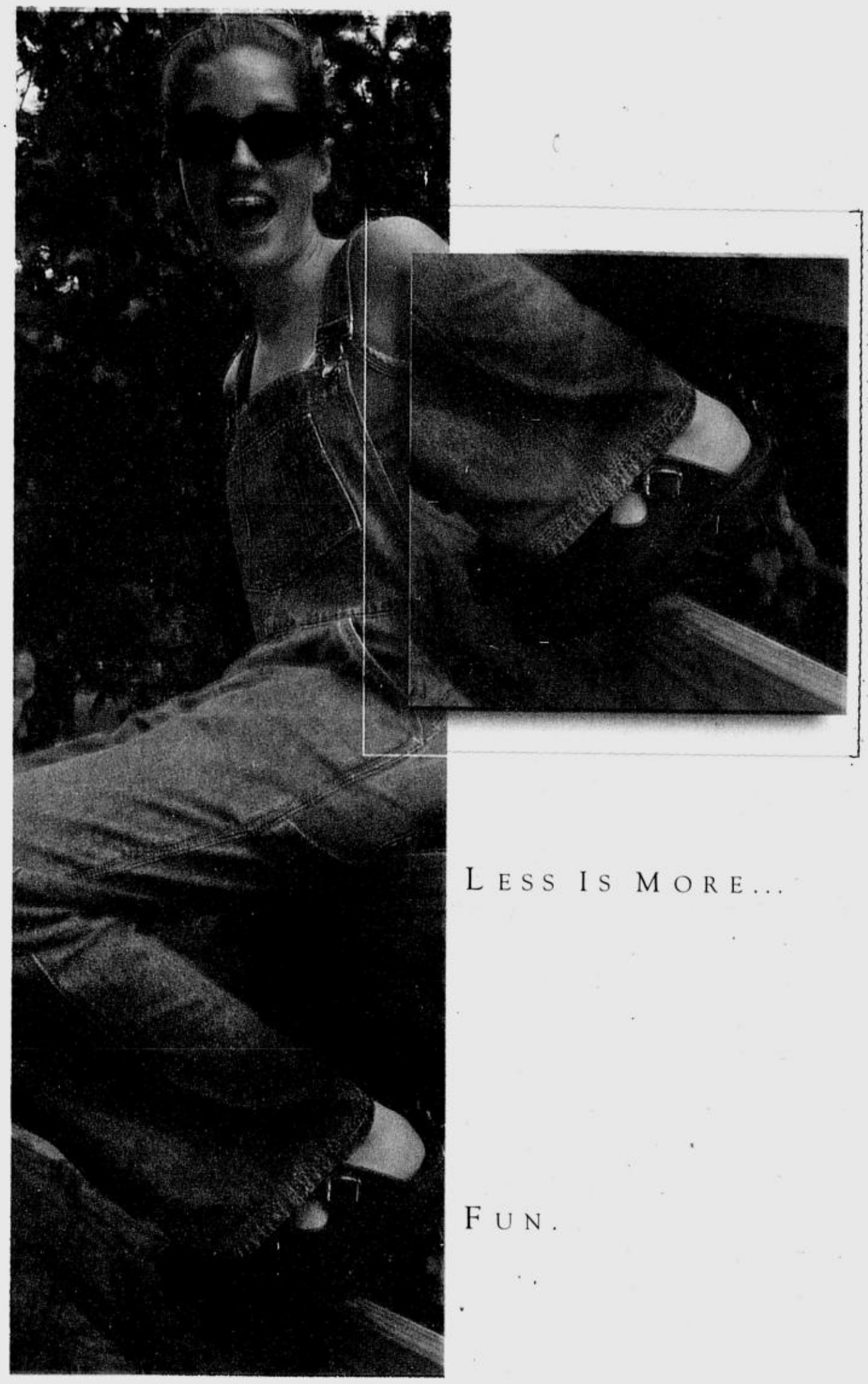

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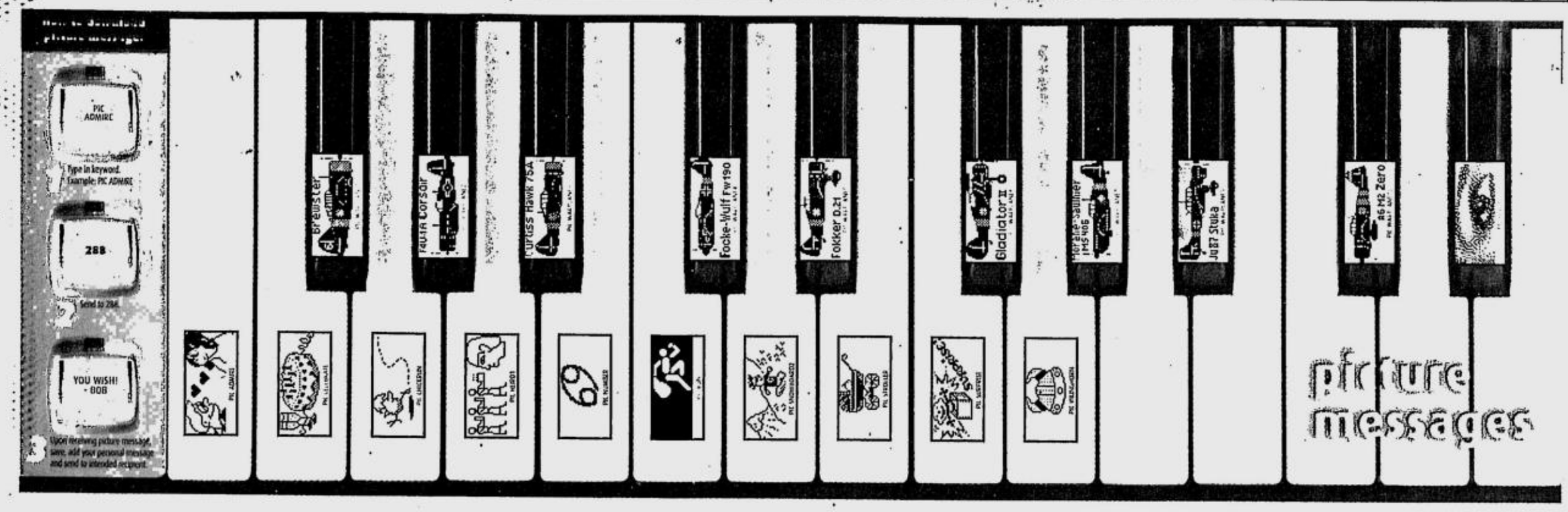

Salon offers the best of west and east

GLOSSY makeup by Vicky Yap; haircut by Eric. Model: Joanna Arong

FRANCK Provost salon on Jupiter Street in Makati City not only has two of the best stylists in town; it also provides you two different perspectives on style—from the West and the East.

Eric Faury from the Franck Provost Salon in Paris, France is a very well-trained hairstylist. The salon's senior stylist is also Franck Provost's man on the spot, the management consultant for the Philippine salons.

Faury also oversees the very trendy, youth-oriented branch in Rockwell Center, which goes by the uniquely European tag, Fabiosasla. He is also kept busy planning for the new Alabang branch.

Fabiosasla seeks to make salon services more accessible to fashionistas, trendsetters and mall-rats by siting itself in a mall.

Faury, who has been in the Philippines for two years, says of Filipino salon patrons: "The most satisfying is when people come in and says they want something to be done with their hair. After giving them a new look, they go away smiling, very satisfied. And they thank me. I have some mature clients who have been wearing their hair the same way for as long as they can remember. I change it and they go away happy. Filipinos are beginning to realize they do not need to look the same [all the time]."

Among the salon's Filipino hairstylists, who number about 20, Angelo Justin is probably the best known. Justin's credentials are impressive. He trained in London, the United States, Hong Kong and Paris. The makeover master is said to perform near-miracles with faces.

TEAM TO BEAT. Hairstyle by Eric Faury; daytime makeup by Angelo Justin. Model: Miss PBA finalist Maria del Rosario

But when he is not around, Justin is quick to volunteer the services of Vicky, his apprentice. He says they work a lot with Sebastian, Schwarzkopf and Toni and Guy products at Franck Provost. He adds that the salon's senior hairstylists travel individually two to three times a year for further training to keep abreast of foreign trends. Justin says he goes to Vidal Sassoon for a week or two almost every year.

Acknowledged as one of the Philippines' 10 top hairstylists, he counts among his clients KC Concepcion, Ruffa Gutierrez, Gretchen Barretto, Ciara Sotto and Chin Chin Gutierrez.

Meanwhile, Franck Provost's has announced it now also offers complete head-to-toe beauty services. Hair Spa in the basement includes a Technical Center, a Men's Studio and even consultation rooms.

WASH-AND-GO men's cut by Angelo Justin who's a master of the dry-cutting technique. Model: Ian Suntay

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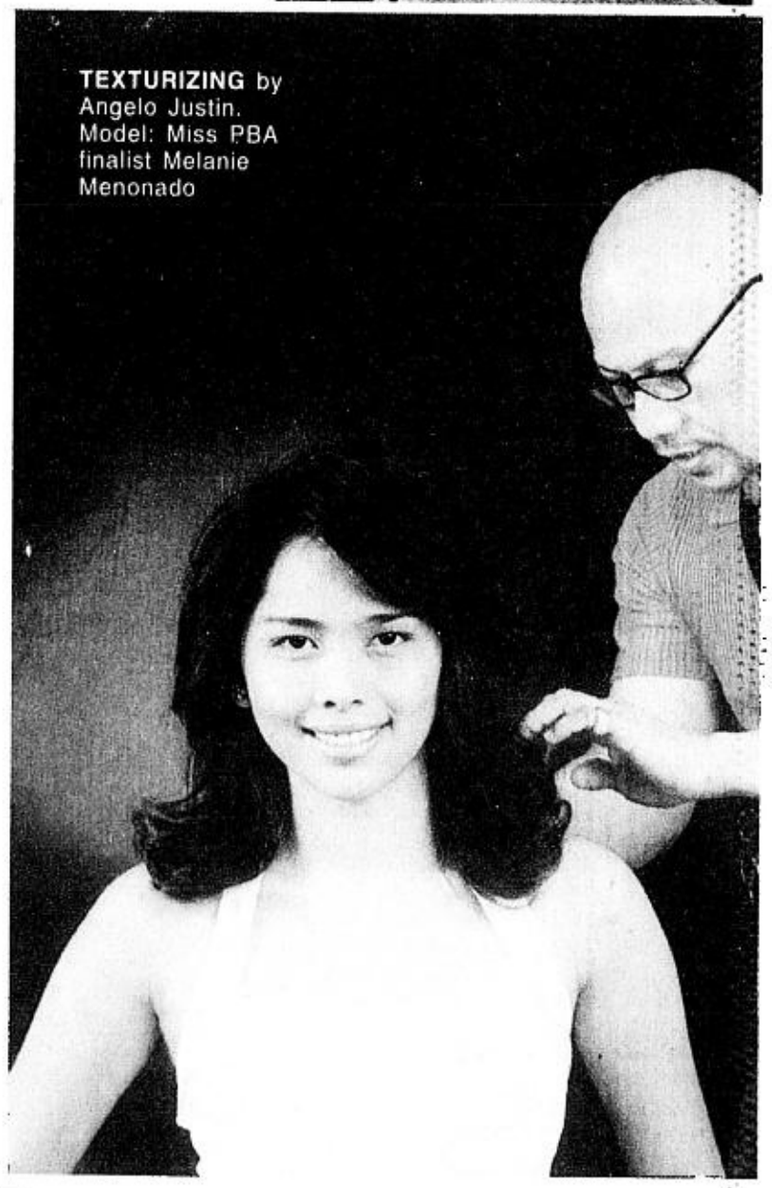
ANGELO not available? Ask for his protégé Rozelle Lagmay.



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Old LPG cylinders are accidents waiting to happen

THE CONSUMER

Marietta Velasco Giron

DESPITE the increasing concerns about the safety of liquefied petroleum gas, the market is still being flooded with battered LPG cylinders. You see them at countless outlets all over town, including neighborhood *sari-sari* stores.

But safety is only one of the concerns that instigated the LPG industry task force to conduct monthly inspections of establishments that sell and refill cooking gas. According to Luzon LPG Association president Joselito Aseniero, the industry imposes standard specifications on LPG containers. However, unscrupulous persons continue to violate rules and regulations. The most common violations include underfilling, illegal refilling, selling altered or tampered cylinders, and using defective seals.

Recently, the association published information about the LPG cylinder, the different parts, how the tank undergoes series of testing and repair, and tips on how to inspect it.

Here are some of the guidelines for checking the safety features of LPG cylinders:

DEFECTIVE LPG tank which has dented footring and corroded bottom.

- Check the collar that protects the valve. If unstable, the cylinder should be replaced.
- Footring under the cylinder should be thick, stable and dent-free.
- Check the cylinder's body. Rust and corrosion can affect the required thickness of the steel. The cylinder has to be thick enough to withstand pressure from within.
- Check for dents and bulges. Aseniero warned that bulges on the body of cylinder can lead to an explosion.
- To check if the hose has any leak, test with soapsuds. Apply suds on hose then turn on the regulator. If there are

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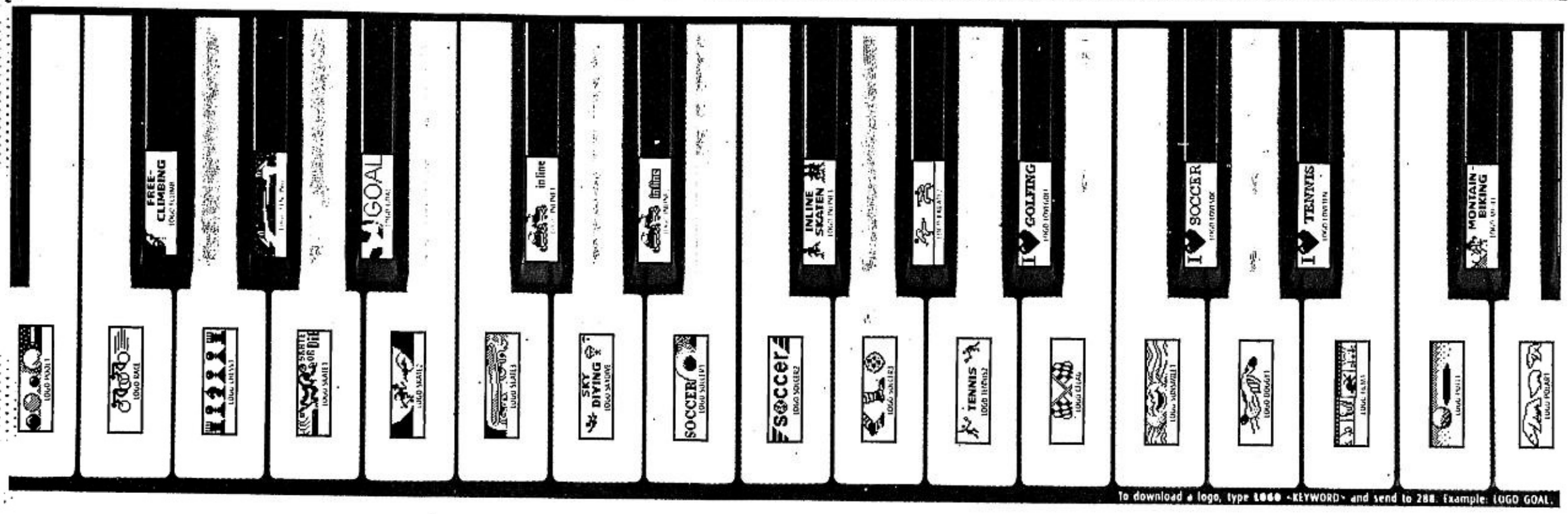


She parlays a stylistic vision into a bankable label

BY ROWENA C. BURGOS

CHRISTY Duque-Payne is not your typical ego on a rampage, which is a nice surprise considering she is one of the most important players in an industry that encourages egotism. She is warm, charming and wise to the ways of the fashion industry.

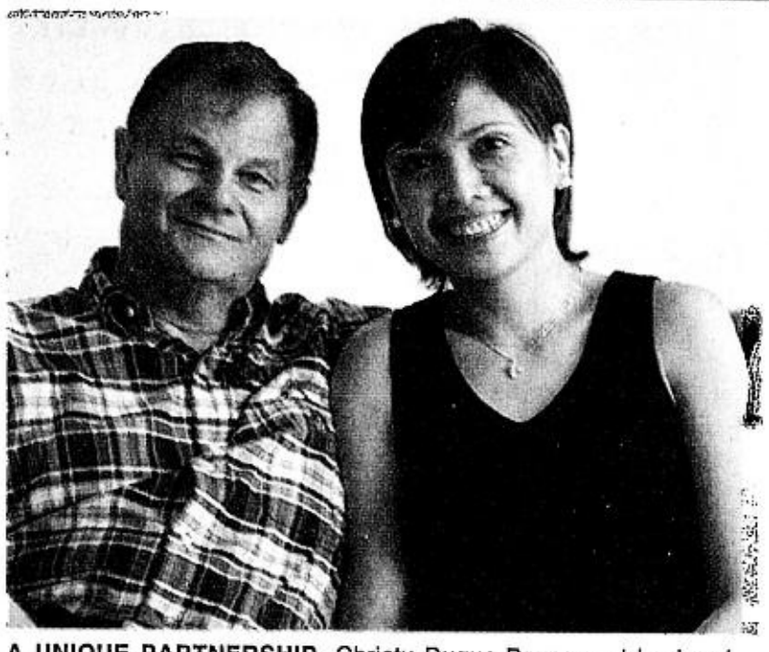
At 33, she is the living image of her customers—attractive, assured, highly successful and dead certain as to what fashion should do about her.

Her Space outlets at Robinsons Galleria, Robinsons Place Manila, Greenbelt Mall and Festival Mall Alabang have taken the local fashion scene by storm. The label occupies the stellar spot in the market that retailers refer to as "bridge"—it costs slightly less than the highest-priced designer clothes but considerably more than your average duds. It's a valuable niche, but a tricky one. Yet Duque-Payne somehow makes it look easy churning out collection after collection of bestsellers.

"Having a business of my own is very dynamic because I take charge of the marketing and finance aspects. I have to be involved in developing strategies to make the business grow, know the trends and do research," Duque-Payne says.

Today, Duque-Payne is on top of the world, a supreme talent in Manila's savagely competitive garment industry. But in the mid-'90s, when all she had was a dream and P60,000 (her profit share from First Pacific) in her pocket, she seemed an unlikely candidate for fashion stardom.

CHRISTY Duque-Payne is the very image of her creations.



A UNIQUE PARTNERSHIP. Christy Duque-Payne and husband Michael

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Christy Payne is the living image of her clientele — attractive, assured, highly successful and dead certain as to what fashion should do for her

Business savvy

After taking up business administration and accounting at the University of the Philippines, Duque-Payne worked at SGV's management services division and as a financial analyst at the First Pacific investment house. "I was not cut out for a routine job and I felt that I needed change all the time, so I thought of setting up my own business."

What sets her apart, of course, is that she made her dreams come true. After quitting her job as financial analyst at La Tondeña's treasury division, she carried a luggage-full of apparel she designed to offices of friends in Makati all by herself. "I was in a predicament about whether to go back to being employed or putting up my own company. So while waiting to be enlightened, I kept myself busy by selling clothes."

Duque-Payne chose the fabrics and created the designs that a subcontractor executed. The only problem was she was not able to ensure their quality. It was only after the merchandise was delivered that she would see the defects. "I decided to establish my own manufacturing firm so I could personally supervise production, accounting and even delivery." A pattern maker provided all the information about manufacturing.

After four months of direct selling, Duque-Payne saw an opportunity to supply different retail chains with her creations. Armed only with a portfolio, she "attacked" fashion houses with gusto, methodically going from floor to floor, knocking on each door and offering the same idea of designing and choosing fabrics for them. "It was a time when the mall business was growing. Carrying my designs, I went from one boutique to another."

Her partnership with retail stores became a resounding success that Payne opened her first store in 1997 at Robinsons Place Manila. "The retail trade then was booming and the demand was high. My partner and I had to make sure that we delivered the right merchandise and had the right setup and marketing to be able to sell our products," Duque-Payne says.

Multifaceted

After only four years, Duque-Payne's stylistic vision has made Space one of the most bankable of all designer labels. Each season, she and her design team headed by M-M Cruz create a collection that steers clear of the cutting edge yet always hits every current fashion note with absolute clarity.

"For the past years, the business has been growing a hundred percent. Now we have to expand it three times more. But we also have to be prepared in times of economic decline. You just don't put stocks in stores, you have to be competitive as well."

Such success could easily (and usually does) swell most heads, but not Duque-Payne. She has her feet solidly on the ground, perhaps the result of her sensible upbringing.

At Space, she has total control as a hands-on manager, especially with the designs and wholesaling. "I often go on international trips to observe the layout of stores and how they present their merchandise."

Her Australian husband, Michael, 57, who used to have an advertising company but is now based in Hong Kong, gives her pearls of wisdom on the marketing of Space.

"Having a business means responsibilities and difficulties. Before you even think of financial fulfillment, it's important to see yourself growing in it. The trials you'll encounter will make you stronger. And from these, you'll learn how to handle a business in your own way," he says.

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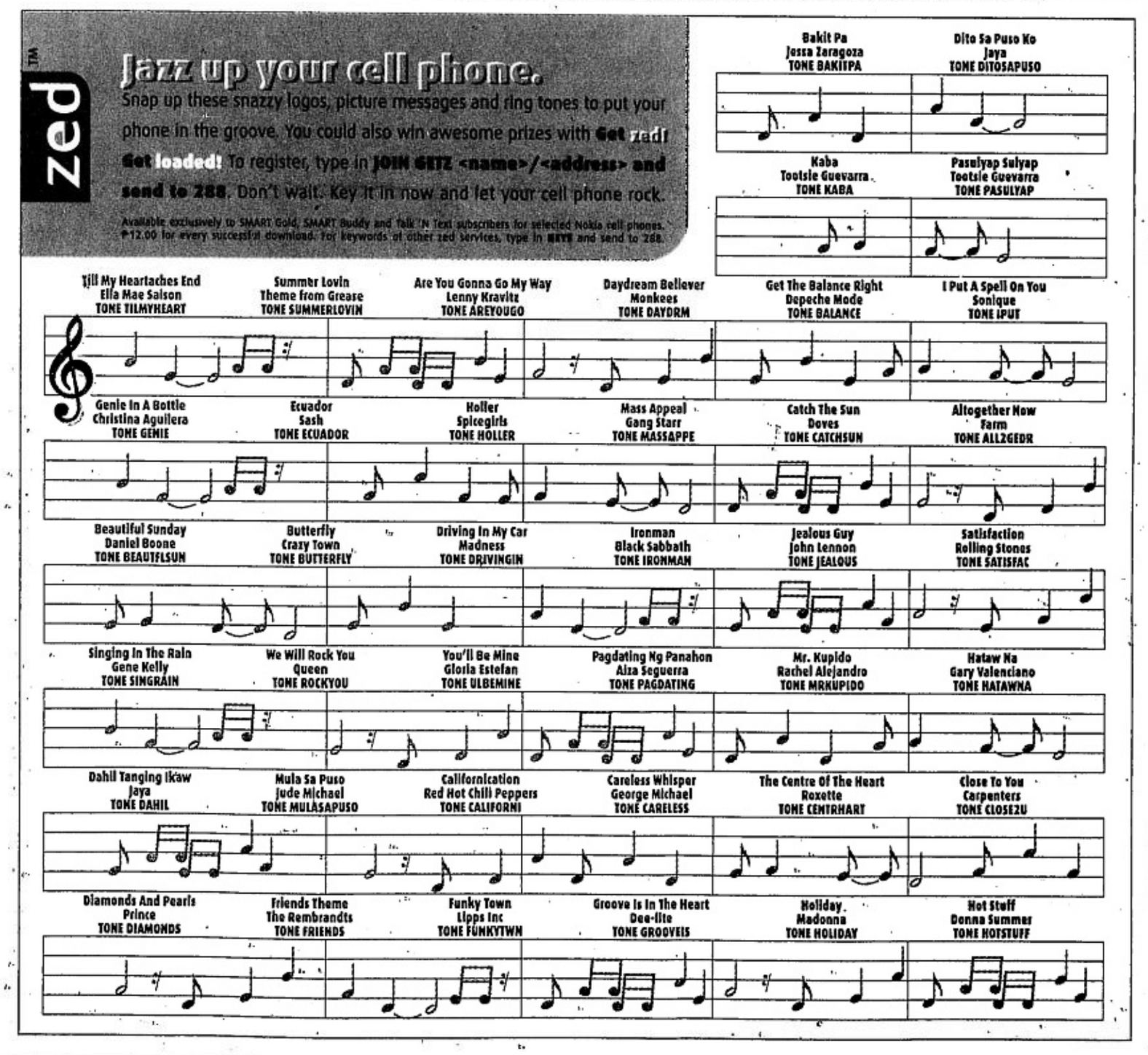

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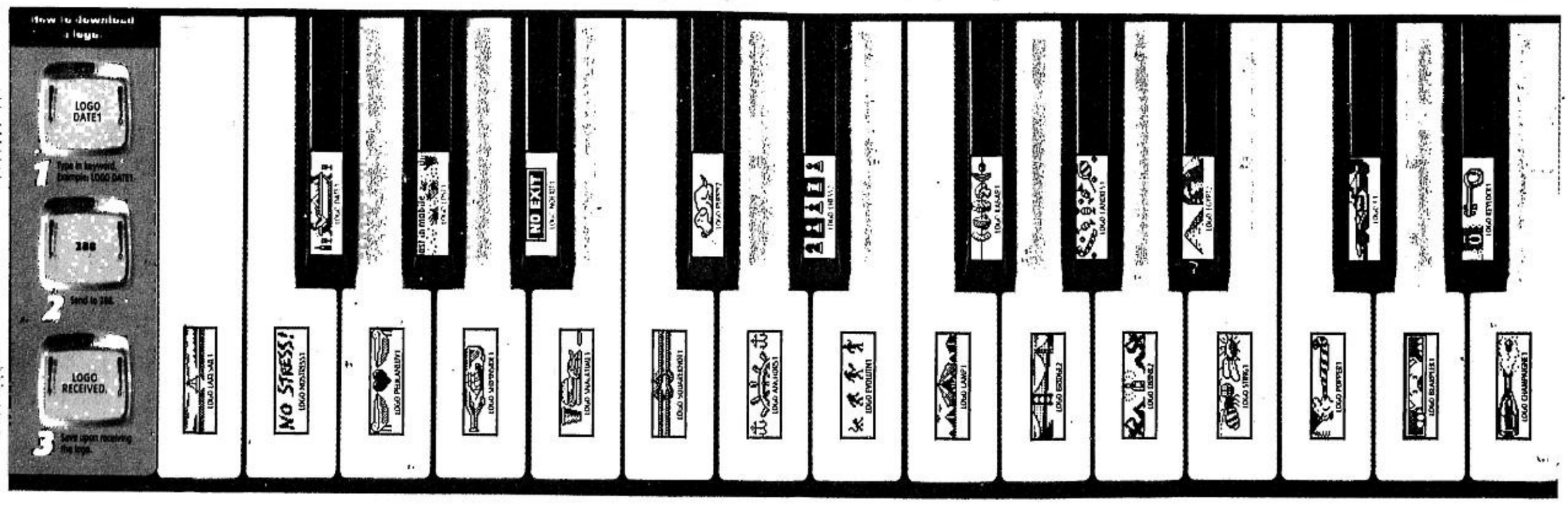

LIQUID HEALTH. Hold it! This fad might just hit Manila. Curious? Read all about it.

Waitlisted for a bag

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with his mother! So I finally tapped (maybe shoved) one of them on the shoulder and pointed out to him that HIS mother should look so good! I actually knew his mom and I definitely look better. Well, this made Jay quite angry so he stalked off to the second floor. Unfazed, I decided to mingle. After all, I had been doing this for years. But everybody looked SO YOUNG. Worse, no one seemed to appreciate my matador jacket. I tried to engage a young man (it was impossible to get next to hot hot **Borgy Manotoc** who seemed to have eyes only for a lovely MTV VJ) in conversation but he did not seem to hear a word I was saying (the throbbing music might have had something to do with that).

"Incidentally, how do these kids figure out when one song ends and another begins? I never realized just how much I missed vocals (where are **Donna Summer** and **Gloria Gaynor** when you need them) in dance music until that moment.

"And everyone seemed to be drinking his or her favorite drink. I didn't look very chic with my tumbler of vodka. And they certainly had many speakers. I felt like I was having a palpitation—and there I was without my valium! So since I did not seem to be making headway (no pun intended) with the youths, I decided to leave.

"Safely ensconced in my car, I realized that my attempt at reliving my disco diva days had just ended, leaving me feeling like an aging disco ducky! I also realized that my great conversational skills were absolutely useless when you could not even hear yourself.

"Moral of the story: Play to your strengths and don't try to compete with an 18-year-old. Still it was fun and I recommend that you try it sometime."

Too many animals. I must say I was quite excited to see the movie, "Planet of the Apes" directed by **Tim Burton**. The trailer was exciting, as well as the teaser on MTV, which showed two kids playing a video game in a cage and being watched by apes. Clever. So, I asked a good friend to watch it with me and she said, "Aren't there too many animals in it?" But it's a Tim Burton film! So I watched it and I have just two words to describe it: "Awful and traumatic!"

The movie was so dark. The only thing going for it was the makeup. What was wrong with **Estelle Warren** (**Mark Wahlberg**'s love interest)? She was absolutely gorgeous but did not say a word. Was it because of too much sun or was the loincloth too tight? I pitied **Helena**

MONKEYING AROUND. TNT's choice for one of the most disappointing films of 2001—"Planet of the Apes"

Bonham Carter who played the nice simian. All that talent under tons of makeup and fur. My advice to her: stick to Merchant Ivory films.

I am sure teenagers and kids loved the movie. I give it two peanuts (out of 10) One for Tim Burton and the other for the irritating cell phone user next to me. They can eat the peanuts and go home.

What's Out! Politically incorrect statements by an ex-mayor: "*Kala ko bomba ang sasabihin niya yun pala bombay pala!*"... **Kim Wong**... Some exotic place like Turkey or Egypt if you are not on the chubby side because no one will look at you (this according to some Turkey experts who are on the healthy side)... cell phones in jail that some inmates and drug lords have... Skycable's replay of the French Open—we know who won. Watch Star Sports instead for the "current" US Tennis Open... The Landmark store for not letting pedestrians walk through the bridgeway through its 2nd floor—such a hassle!... Women with unnatural colored hair (read: too orange, red, blond) they look like they came from the movie "Darna and the Space Women." Think **Vilma Santos** vs **Rosanna Ortiz**... Ugarte Field—what was once a beautiful place now looks like a jungle... reduction in our free text message allocations by Globe and Smart—please Mr. Rich Businessmen, texting makes OUR day and there are few things in the Philippines now that make us happy!

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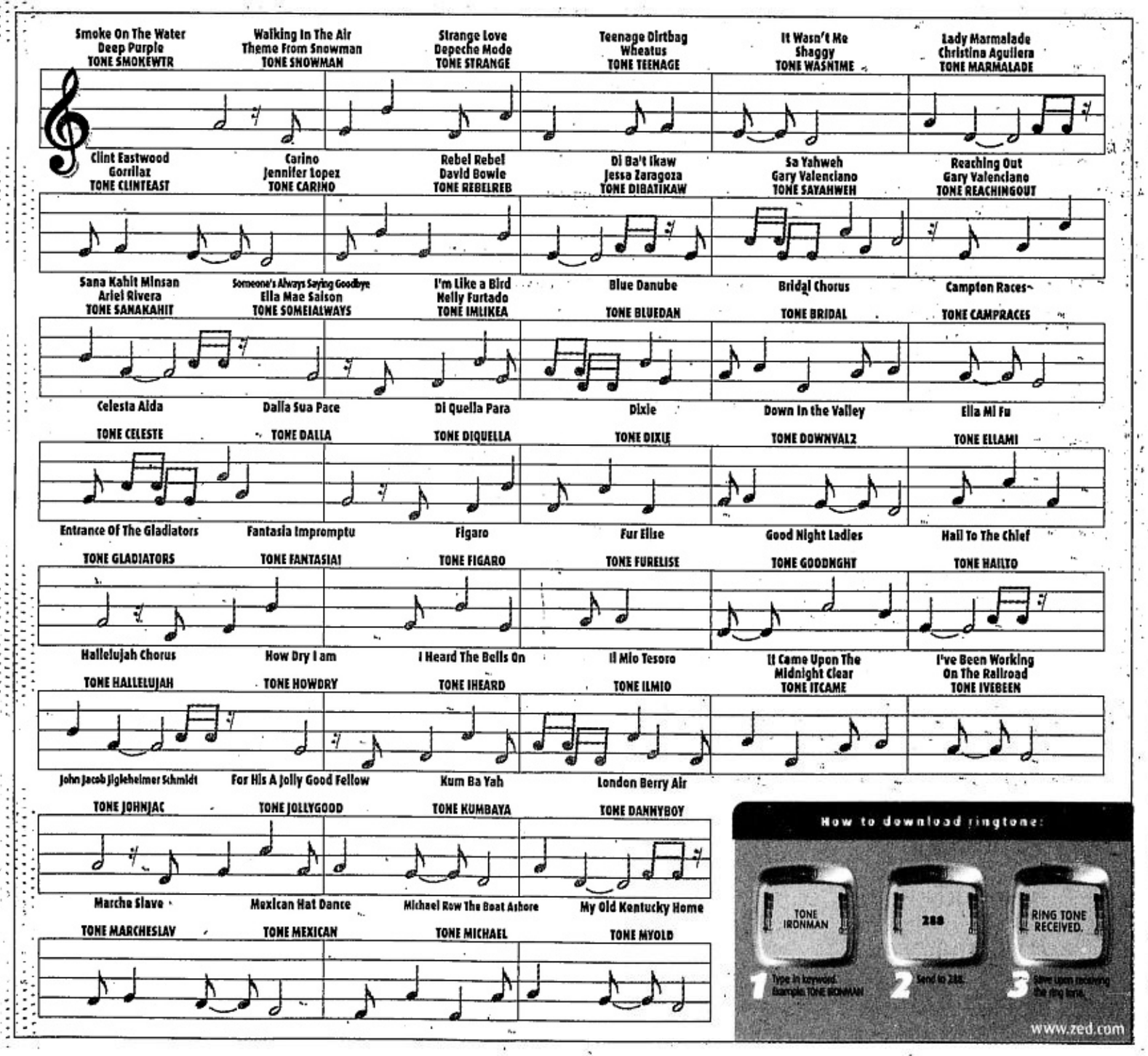

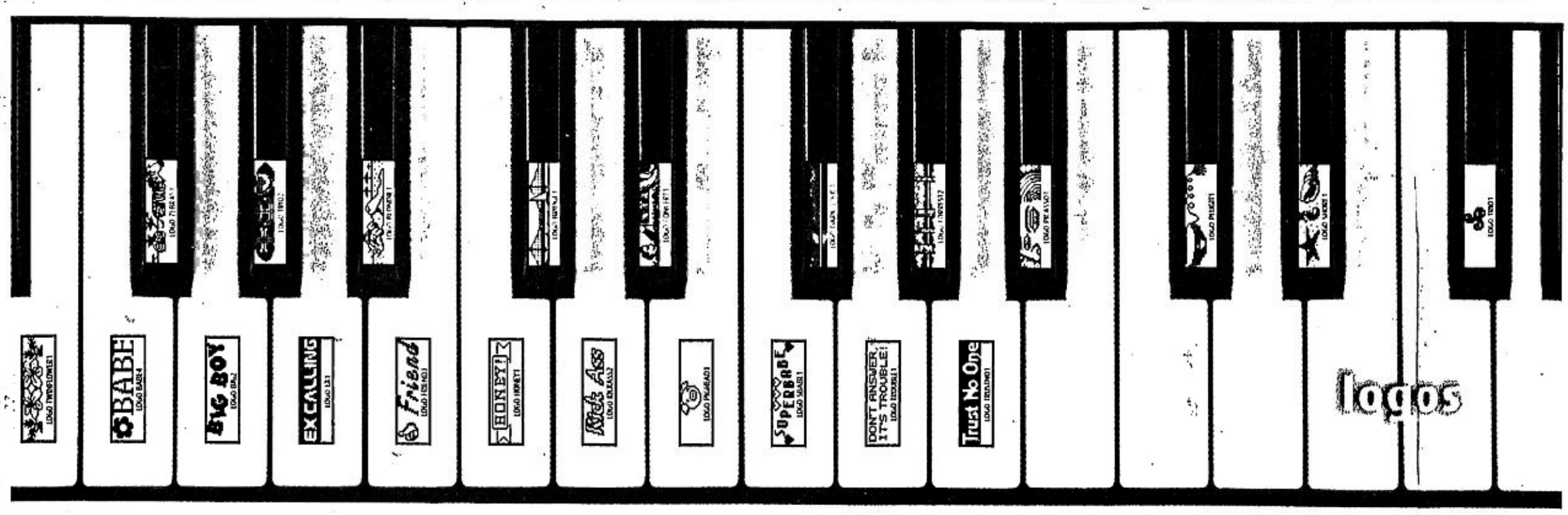

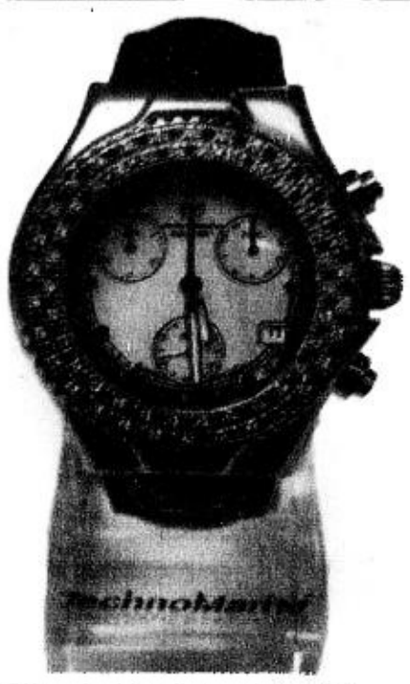

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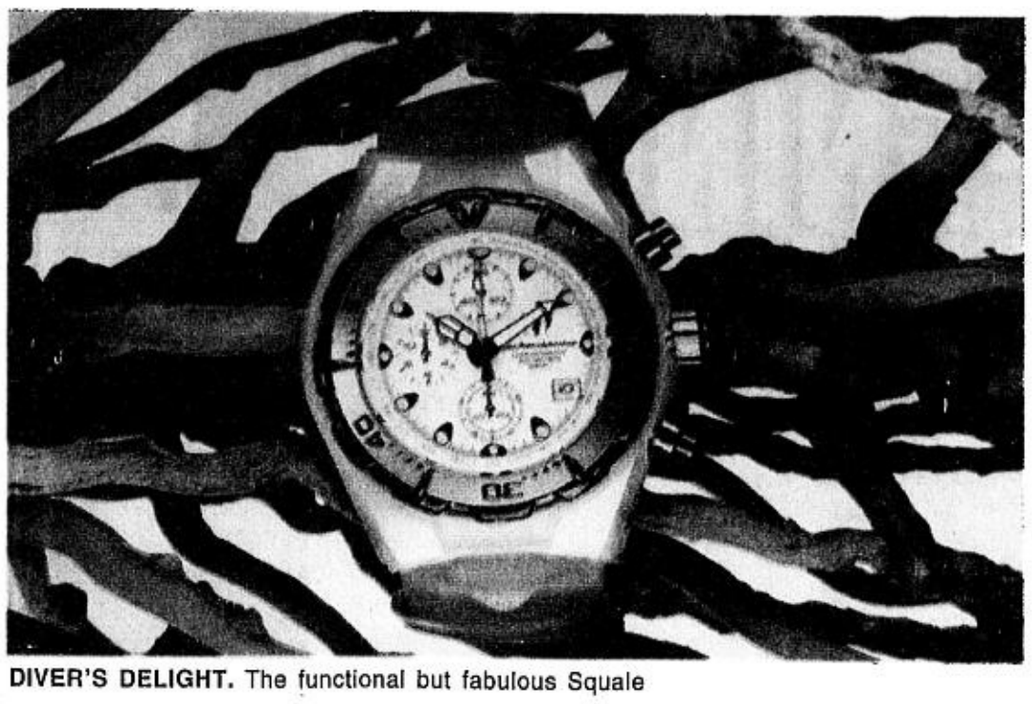


DIVER'S DELIGHT. The functional but fabulous Squale

THE APNEA is a day-date watch.

High-tech, high-bred and high-end timepieces

By Cathy Babao Guballa

IT is both elegant and functional. You can sleep with it, eat with it, swim and dive with it, hike and run with it. The many things you can do with the TechnoMarine watch pale in comparison with that primal desire among trendsetters: To be *seen* with it.

A TechnoMarine timepiece has the best of both worlds—the excellence of high timekeeping mechanisms from Switzerland coupled with cutting-edge French style. Very functional yet with a distinct style all its own, you can take it from bedroom to boardroom to ballroom. It performs equally well in a private jet and at water depths down to 660 ft. The watch allows consumers to combine fun, vivid creativity and quality craftsmanship.

The TechnoMarine watch created in 1997 by avid diver Franck Dubarry offers both the water sports buff and the fashionista exactly what they need in a go-anywhere timepiece. For the man, woman or teen forever on the go, it makes for an ideal companion.

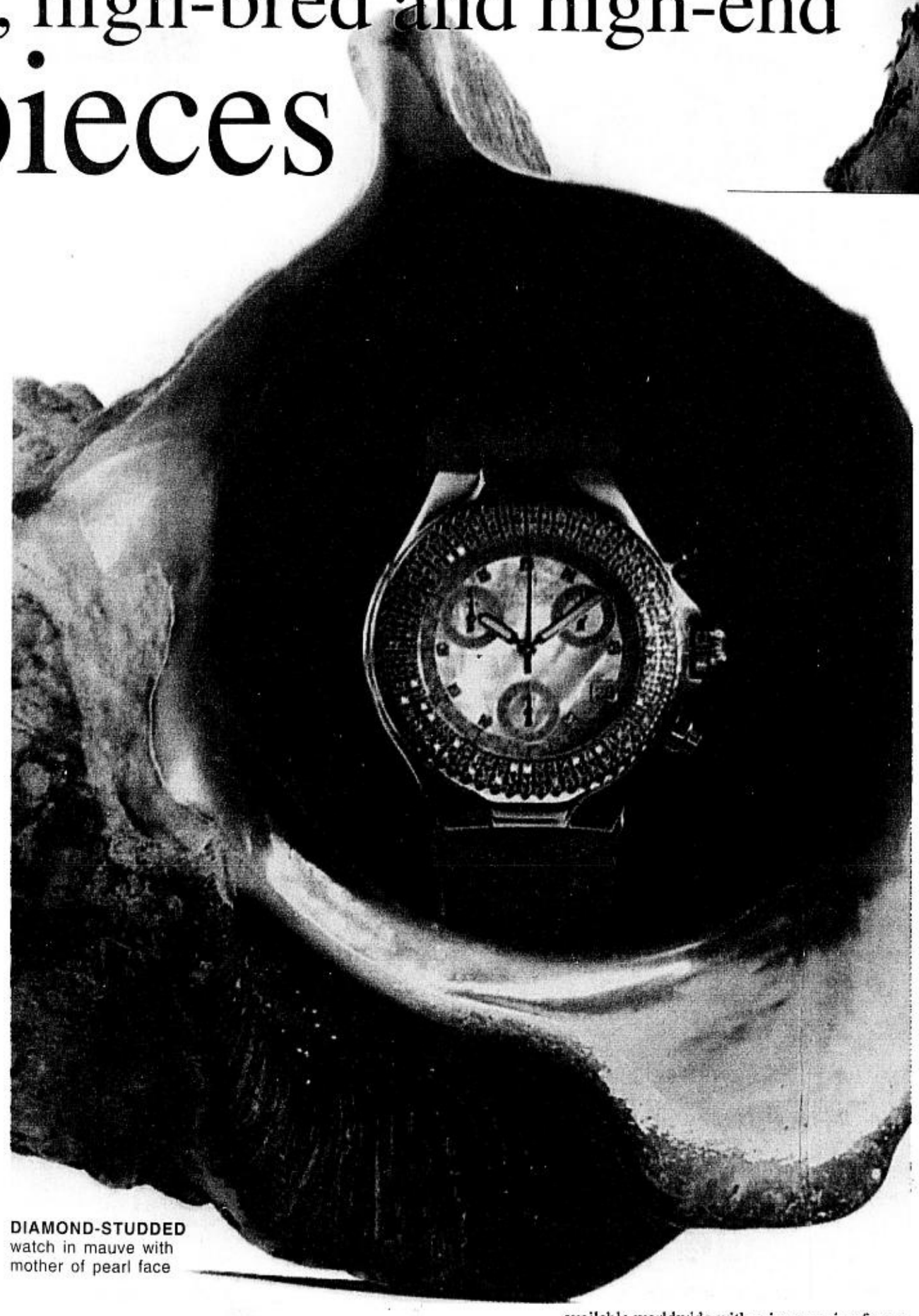
Its website (www.technomarine.com) describes the watch as one designed to complement the best that life, sea and land have to offer. Dubarry had hoped that the TechnoMarine watch would be an expression of his luxurious and adventurous experiences. The website says that the timepiece was launched in St. Tropez, France at the tail end of 1997, beginning with one elegantly designed watch—a stainless steel chronograph with a translucent plastic band called the Raft. Innovative in design and superior in craftsmanship, the TechnoMarine Raft sold over 50,000 units during its first year in production.

To DuBarry, the TechnoMarine was much more than a timepiece. Background information from the company website says that during its first seven months of operation in Los Angeles, the TechnoMarine Company operated out of Franck's home and brought in approximately $700,000 in sales within the first fiscal year. For the 1999-2000 fiscal year, TechnoMarine would report sales of nearly $23 million, which is not just 100 percent, not just 1,000 percent, but a whooping 4,000 percent increase. You can imagine DuBarry sitting back and saying, "I can get used to that."

Currently, there are 110 TechnoMarine styles available worldwide with prices ranging from a low of P7,000 to, well, the sky's the limit. Though the original TechnoMarine dive watch continues to be the most popular model, a flashier model, the most famous and eye-catching of all, the TechnoDiamond, continues to gain popularity among celebrities, jetsetters and tastemakers.

In 1999, TechnoMarine developed and launched this breakthrough design. The first original diamond chronograph, the TechnoDiamond is a fully functional diving watch and luxury accessory. It comes complete with the signature TechnoMarine interchangeable gel bands and a karat of handpicked diamonds set in a stainless steel revolving bezel.

In addition, it has a broad selection of attractive faces and translucent watchband colors (many of which are interchangeable) that include yellow, fuchsia, blue and transparent. The TechnoDiamond collection is available in both regular dial and chronograph models, and feature day/date functions and water resistance to 660 feet. Imagine plumbing the depths of the ocean with a diamond on your wrist. Surreal, yes. Decadent, yes. But, hey, it's your wrist and it's your money.



DIAMOND-STUDDED watch in mauve with mother of pearl face

A girl's best friend

TechnoMarine has become a favorite watch of people from different fields in all corners of the world, from the Middle East to New York City to Hollywood and now Manila. Among the celebrities who have been spotted wearing TechnoMarine or TechnoDiamond watches are Madonna, Arnold Schwarzenneger, Lenny Kravitz, Sharon Stone, Prince Albert of Monaco and Barbara Streisand.

According to the website, the celebrity interest, and subsequent exposure, sent the consumer demand for the TechnoMarine beyond the existing retail supply. Production was sent into overdrive and sales for TechnoMarine skyrocketed into the tens of millions almost overnight.

Locally, the Techno crowd includes Patricia Borromeo, Imee Marcos, Regine Velasquez, Chito Roño, Kara Ponce-Enrile, Paolo Prieto, Vilma Valera, Girlie Rodis, Jun-Jun Ablaza, Malu Laurel, Jericho Rosales, Peewee Limjuco and Paolo Quisumbing, among others.

Shoppers at the Shangri-La mall cannot help but stop and drool at the TechnoDiamond and TechnoMarine watches on display at Rafael Jewellery on the second floor.

According to the website, TechnoMarine split its product line into two lifestyle-focused divisions, TechnoMarine and TechnoSport. Recognizing the different needs of consumers, the TechnoMarine and TechnoSport collections target consumer identities. The split allows for each name brand to address a specific group, as opposed to trying to accommodate all consumers under one brand umbrella. The TechnoMarine line is the pricier league and includes more of the upscale styles, like the diamond timepieces, while maintaining the adventurous integrity of the TechnoMarine brand. The TechnoSport line, its more affordable sibling, will include trendier, funkier pieces for a younger, more creative consumer.

Technomarine watches are designed to combine high-end luxury with sportsmanship, reflecting practicality with adventure, durability with beauty—all of the things that, according to the website, its creator had come to love and appreciate in his lifetime.

TechnoMarine watches are distributed locally by Rafael Jewellery on the second floor of the Shangri-La Mall and are also sold at My Diamond on the second floor of Glorietta 4.

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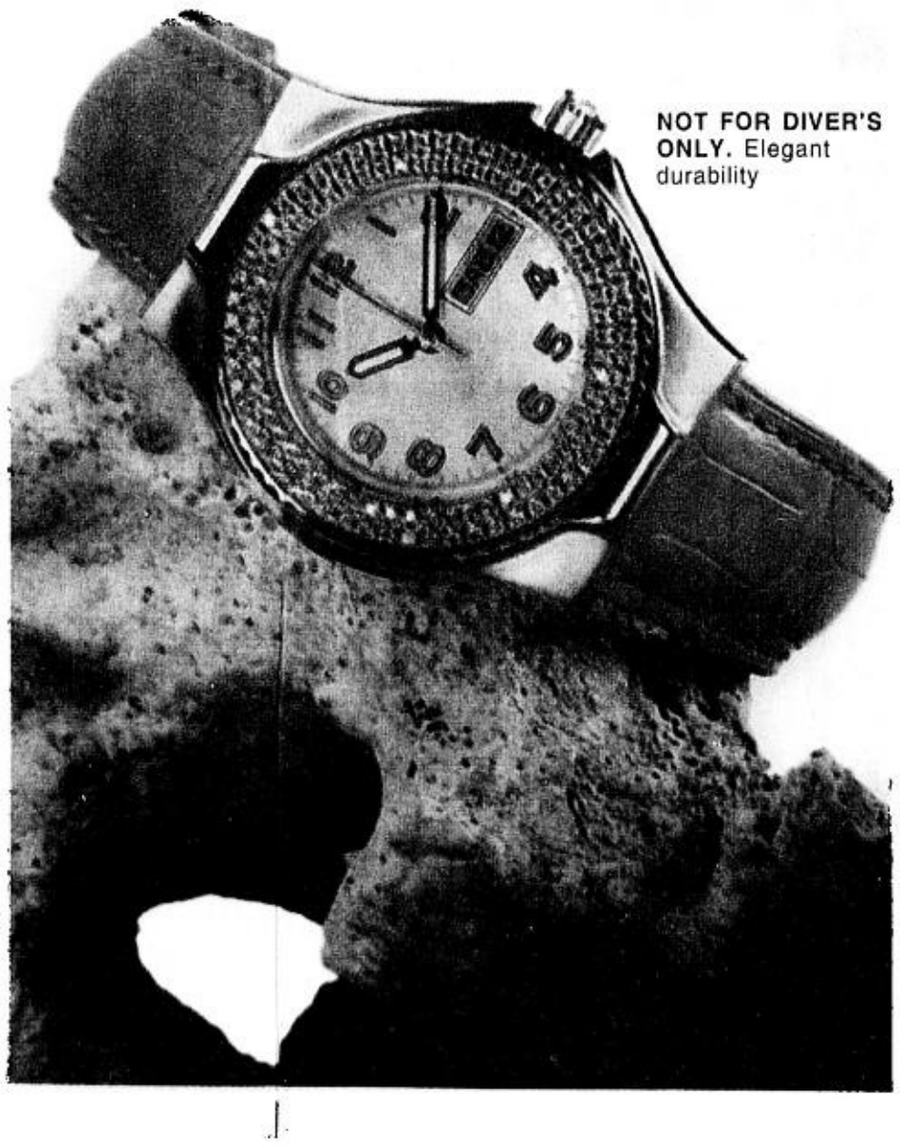
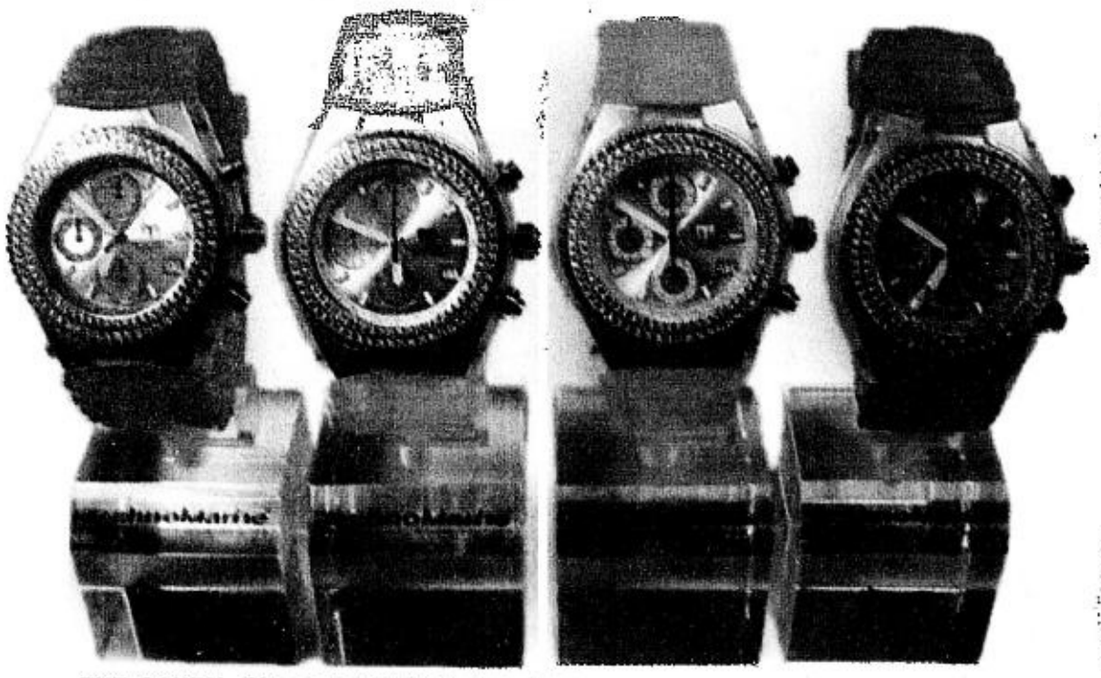


NOT FOR DIVER'S ONLY. Elegant durability

Combining diamonds with PVC material proves to be a winning gambit for the TechnoMarine watchmakers when no less than Madonna, Arnold and Sharon can be counted among its followers



EYE CANDY. Chronographs in various hues

Old LPG cylinders are accidents waiting to happen

(From page E3)

bubbles, the hose has a leak. Turn off regulator immediately, open doors and windows for ventilation and don't light matches. Replace hose.

Buy only from authorized dealer, Aseniero advised consumers.

For copies of the LPG cylinder information, e-mail LPG Industry Association at aseniero@info.com.ph or write to 30 Meralco Ave., Pasig City 1600.

Lemon purchase

POOR Consumer with e-mail address aimee teresiana@yahoo.com requests other motorcycle owners to comment on her problem. She's had a series of problems with her newly bought 4-stroke, automatic clutch motorcycle. The clutch got stuck on second gear and the start-up was a bit hard. The supplier assured her that it just needed "breaking in."

A few days later, however, the oil valve had to be realigned and the idling pace needed readjustment. On a drive one late afternoon, the engine sputtered and went out three times. The bike had to be pushed over a long distance and was left in the office lot overnight. It was repaired several days later, but more trouble followed. The engine went dead on the road, the electronic switch did not work, etc. When she complained again, the supplier accused her that she didn't know how to drive.

"Sure, I am not familiar with technical terms the supplier kept using but I know that automatic motorcycles were designed so an average woman can drive it. It was barely a month old when the problems happened, and the actual mileage is only 257.2 km. They refuse to replace the unit. I paid hard-earned money for it. What are my rights as a consumer?"

We suggest that you call up the DTI-Consumer Net for advice (tel. 890-4932) or write to DTI-NCR Director Luwina Enecio at 108 C.J. Valdez Building, Aguirre Street, Legaspi Village, Makati City.

Reader responds

WILLIE Clemente of gtorogi@digitelone.com: "I wish I can help the dissatisfied customer to seek redress for the overcharged pair of Levi's pants, but I am here in Baguio City. The seller who charged a regular price for the Levi's with an attached sales tag indicating a lower price may have violated two laws: Price Tag Law and Consumer Act.

"In the implementing guidelines of the Price Tag Law, if it occurs that an item bears a tag price lower than the price at which an establishment sells the item, the lower price shall prevail (DAO Order No. 3). The act of selling at a price higher than the tag price may also fall under the chapter on unfair and unconscionable sales practices proscribed by Consumer Act.

"I hope the complainant can get in touch with DTI-NCR."

Too many customers

A DISGRUNTLED lifetime member of Slimmer's World Int'l. complains that there are just too many customers at the Megamall branch. One cannot get a schedule to use the treadmill without having to wait for 3-4 hours, she says. "How can one enjoy working out in a gym where one can hardly breathe, classes are always full, lockers are always occupied, treadmill and transport equipment are always booked?" the member asked.

Errors in NBI clearance

B. Agustin, granddaughter of the late journalist Herman Nubla, went through the usual hassles of applying for an NBI clearance. When she finally got the clearance, however, her full name was misspelled and the wrong picture was attached to the document! She had to submit on Aug. 27 a document with the necessary corrections and a new set of pictures.

Agustin is asking the NBI director, "How can a government agency that is supposed to clear individuals commit blunders? I want to know what happened to my previous picture? I hope they did not attach it to somebody else's NBI clearance."

More comments from readers

FROM DR. R. Gonzales: "Please, someone enlighten me. Is it a standing policy of the Land Transportation Office to ask exact-payments-only? I went to LTO for my annual car registration fee that was assessed at P905. I gave the cashier P1,000. When she asked me for P5 and I didn't have any, she told me *magpapalit ka muna sa* canteen, *o kung gusto mo maghintay ka kung may magbabayad ng barya.*"

From M Barrameda: "I am used to paying P30 for a regular drink at the Zagu stall in Robinsons Manila. So I was surprised when the attendant handed me a small tumbler. When I checked out other establishments, like in Marikina, they have not increased their price unlike the stall at Robinsons."

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Evening of Aliw is entertaining

GALLERY of Distinction Awardee Leo Valdez with brother, Transportation Undersecretary Arturo Valdez

ALIW Awards chair Gina Vera Perez de Venezia with Justice Secretary Hernando Perez

NEWEST Artist Karylle with dad, Dr. Tatlonghari

THE 14TH Annual Aliw Awards held at the Philippine Plaza Ballroom started on time, quite an achievement for a huge stage and television production. Apparently, director **Ronnie Henares** made sure it did. The show was a little too long, though, although classy and entertaining. Hosts **Paolo Bediones, Bianca Araneta** and **Dingdong Dantes** were engaging and attractive.

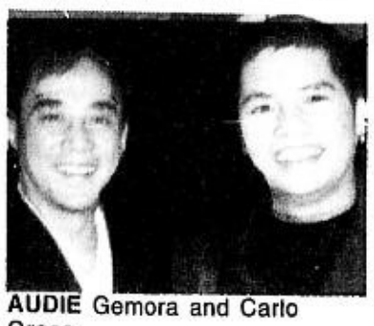
TEESAW

Raul Teehankee

The performances by **Bituin Escalante, Janno Gibbs, Ogie Alcasid, Martin Nievera** and **Rachel Alejandro** were top notch, but the night belonged to the quintet of **Carlo Orosa, John Arcilla, JM Rodriguez, RJ Rosales** and **Robert Seña** who sang "Magsimula Ka" and other songs as a tribute to **Leo Valdez.**

From the opening speech of chair **Gina Vera Perez de Venecia** to the presentation of "gallery of distinction" awards to **Rico Puno, Annie Brazil, Bert Nievera, Carding Castro** and **Leo Valdez** to the finale, the announcement of **Martin Nievera** as Entertainer of the Year, the affair was indeed a night of "*aliw*" through music and awards.

HOST Dingdong Dantes



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PRESIDENTIAL CUT. Mila Magsaysay-Valenzuela holding wedding gifts from former US President Richard Nixon.

Presents perfect

BY VANGIE BAGA-REYES

AFTER THE CHURCH ceremony and the reception, when the last guest has left, what do newly marrieds do?

Open the gifts, of course! That is, if they're not too busted from all the dancing, drinking and picture-taking or not too eager to spark off the honeymoon.

Some couples have photos taken while ripping wrappers off all kinds

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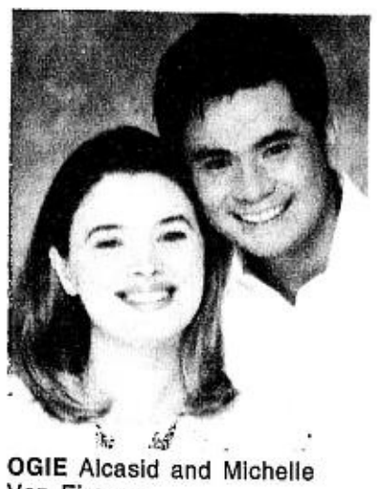
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BLESSED UNION. The gold crucifix keeps the marriage strong for Patrick and Marijo Fran.

Presents perfect

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of boxes. The thoughtful ones make a list of who gave what so the gifts can properly be noted in the thank-you cards.

Gifts are usually chosen with the needs and personalities of the newlyweds in mind. When couples register with a reputable shop, it becomes easier for guests to ascertain what they want or need. Duplication is also minimized, if not eliminated. But when they're not registered, picking the right present becomes quite a challenge.

One couple who obviously didn't bother to register got a dozen flat irons on their wedding day, more than they needed during the years that they tried to make the marriage work. When they separated, they each got to keep three never-used flat irons.

Then there are gifts that stand out from day one, not for their price tags or their brands but for being such brilliant ideas. A groom and his bride who got married in November got an easy-to-assemble Christmas tree. A wonderful gift, no doubt, but what made it even more memorable was that it came with another box full of tree trimmings. So while most newlyweds end up with Charlie Brown trees on their first Christmas together, the couple had a terrific tree, complete with tinsels and trinkets.

Sunday Lifestyle asked recent and not-so-recent brides and grooms which of the gifts they got swamped with on their wedding day stood out, was most cherished or was simply the best. The answers were diverse, from the most expensive to the lowliest, from Italian heirloom to *orinola*.

One thing is sure, though. Each gift stuck in the minds—and hearts—of their recipients.

PICTURE PERFECT. Eric Reyes and wife Michelle show off the painting given to them by *ninang* Cory Aquino.

Which of the gifts they got on their wedding day was really for keeps?

PR executive Mila Magsaysay-Valenzuela, married to Cesar Valenzuela in January 1961

"A curving knife from former United States President Richard Nixon. He was then the US vice president. The gift was made special because he took the trouble of sending this to our wedding. They could have sent a small card or something. Though it wasn't actually that expensive, I know it was personally handpicked by him or his wife. He personally signed the note. I've only used the knife twice."

Actress-singer Sharon Cuneta, married to Sen. Kiko Pangilinan in April 1996

"For our wedding, Kiko gave me two pearl necklaces that go together. I sometimes wear only one. I like wearing any jewelry given by Kiko because I am always reminded of how much we've had to go through together and how far we've come as a couple. We're much closer now than ever before because of Frankie. Anything that Kiko gives me on any occasion is always the best gift."

Broadcast journalist Karen Davila, married to DJ Sta. Ana in July 2001

"Since we had a small wedding out of the country, what touched us the most were friends who moved heaven and earth just to make it to the wedding. That was the most memorable gift for us."

Broadcast journalist Vicky Morales, married to Alfonso "King" Reyno on June 2, 2001

"We have a very long list of favorites, but I did get a kick out of this coffee-table book given by my "I-Witness" executive producer. It's called "The Personal Touch" and it illustrates all imaginable lovemaking positions. To think I opened it in full view of my parents and parents-in-law. My mother-in-law gamely blurted: '*Di ninyo na siguro kailangan 'yan no?*' We have yet to read the book."

Sports show host Dyan Castillejo, married to Anton Garcia on Nov. 20, 1999

"We received so many wonderful wedding presents, but one of the best we got was upon our arrival from honeymoon. My mom and my sister Jackie fixed, rearranged and decorated the apartment Anton and I were going to live in. They put in new furniture, curtains, bedspreads and even new plants and flowers. We were so delighted to come home to a brand-new place. I know they put in a lot of time and effort to do that. I greatly appreciated that."

Élan editor Conchitina Bernardo, married to Joseph Bernardo in September 1966

"An Italian heirloom piece of an old silver vase with three cherubs carrying three cup glasses. It was given to us by Luling Paterno-Tuason. It still remains my best centerpiece. I knew she chose it for us with a lot of love. I usually put flowers and fruits in it and I always get compliments when my guests see it."

Journalist Vic Vanzi, married to Sol Vanzi in February 1976

"A one-year subscription to Gourmet Magazine. It was given to us by a female friend who worked with me in Hong Kong where I worked as a journalist. She knew my wife's culinary prowess and my big appetite."

Singer Ogie Alcasid, married to beauty queen Michelle Van Eimeren in September 1996

"It was a pocket watch that Michelle gave me. It had an inscription which says: 'My best friend, my husband, I will love you always.'"

Soprano Josephine Roces, married to singer Bong Chavez on Aug. 7, 1999

"A gift from a friend from Canada. He gave us three important things: First, a post-it notes to keep our (Bong and I) communication line open all the time. Second, a little box of daily prayers for grace and spiritual growth. Third, money to help us start our life together. For us, it was the most meaningful and creative gift."

Performer and photographer Jim Paredes, married to Lydia Mabanta in October 1977

"My father-in-law calculated how much we spent for our wedding and he gave us cash."

Stage performer Ysay Alvarez, married to Robert Seña in September 1991

"It's a ceramic bowl, which I now put on our coffeetable. It was a gift from Leon Roque, our fellow member in 'Miss Saigon.'"

Robinsons public relations officer Roseanne Coscolluela, married to Val Villegas in October 2000

"There were two gifts I cherished most. One was from my mother who gave me a set of jewelry (earring, ring and pendant) with pearls and diamonds on gold, which I wore on my wedding day. The other one was from my grandmother who gave me a gold bangle studded with diamonds."

PBA San Miguel player Danny Ildefonso and Ren, married in 1996

"*Orinola* (chamber pot). It was so funny because it was the first gift we opened for our guests to see. Anyway, our grandparents said it was a goodluck gift."

PBA Alaska player Eric Reyes and Michelle, married in 1999

"All the gifts were precious to us, but the one that stood out was a gift from our *ninang*, former President Corazon Aquino. It was a painting that she painted herself."

PBA Mobiline player Patrick Fran and Marijo, married in 1998

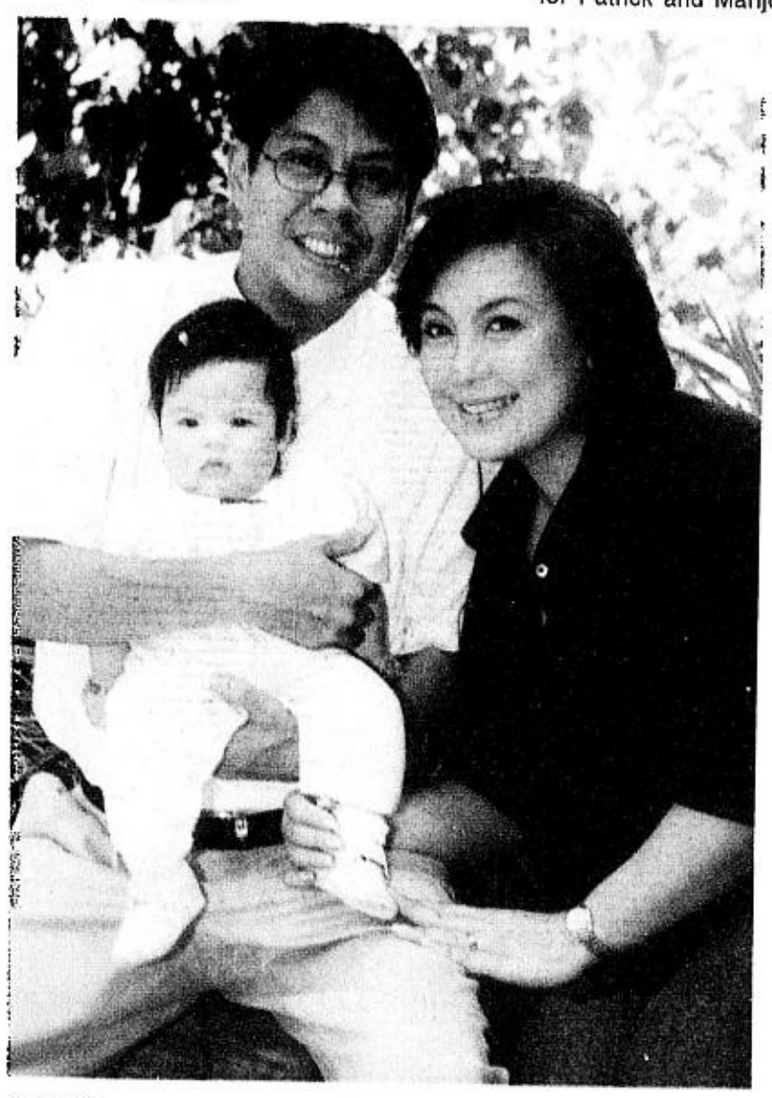
"It was a very simple gold crucifix which we now hang just above our headboard. It instantly reminds us to put Him first in our lives and everything will be alright. That's the secret in making every marriage lasts."

PBA Tanduay player Jeffrey Cariaso and Michelle, married in 1999

"A compilation tape of native wedding songs of Guam given to us by the Lt. Governor of Guam who married us. It makes us fall in love all over again every time we listen to it."

PBA San Miguel player Olsen Racela and Melissa, married in 1998

"It was supposed to be the greatest gift from a friend who lent us a vintage car—a Mercedez Benz 300D 1957 model. We used it as our bridal car, but on our way to the reception, it broke down. We had to hurriedly but discreetly transfer to another car along Roxas Boulevard."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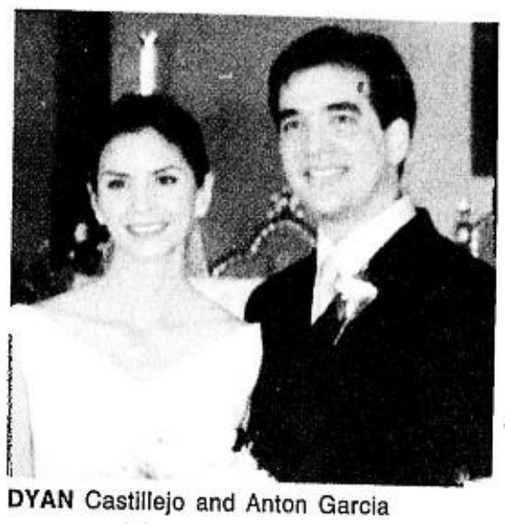
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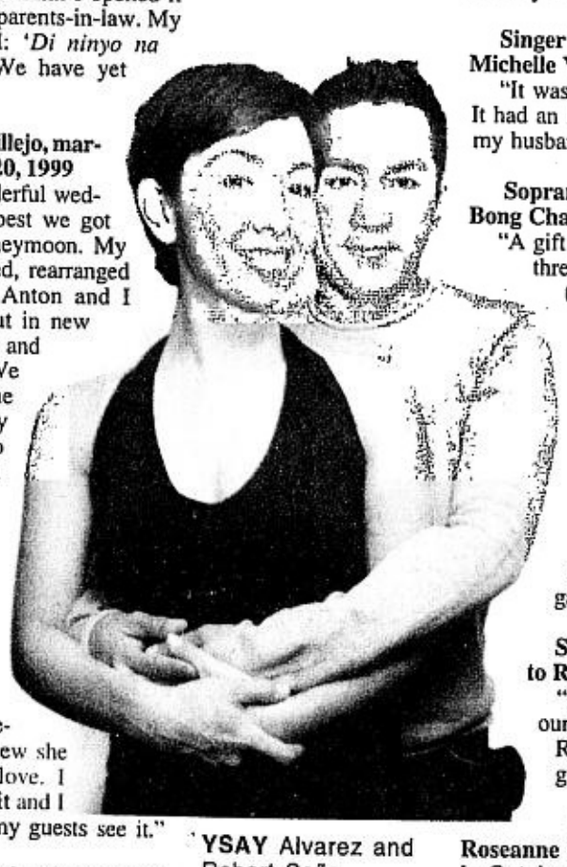

YSAY Alvarez and Robert Seña

ROMINNA Dominique Lim

WITH THE COTILLION Court at the Garden Terrace of the Fox Hollow

WITH HER parents Rossanne and Roy Lim, brother Robertino and maternal grandmother Corazon Abella vda. de Columna

A memorable coming-out party

ROMINNA Dominique Lim, daughter of Roy and Rossanne Lim of East Hills, New York, celebrated her 18th birthday on Aug. 9 with a grand debutante's ball at the Fox Hollow in Woodbury, Long Island. It was a celebration of Rominna's passage into womanhood.

The party was highlighted by a waltz cotillion spiced up by the classic tango and cha-cha. Rominna was joined by 24 of her closest friends and her only brother, Robertino. The cotillion was choreographed by Doris de Leon of New Jersey.

It was a fun-filled event as 230 friends and relatives came all the way from Australia, California, New Jersey and the Philippines to share this joyous occasion.

The debutante's aunt, Nima Halley of Love Garden Inc. (Manila) prepared all the floral arrangements while the debutant's father and aunt Marilyn prepared a three-tiered buttered-icing chiffon cake.

"Every Filipino girl, in her own way, should have a coming-out party," says the debutant.

A FAMILY AFFAIR. The debutant's aunts, uncles and cousins

Milestones

CRUZ DEBUT

Jaclyn Marie Pascual Cruz, daughter of **Edgar M. Cruz** and **Josie Dabu Pascual**, will celebrate her 18th birthday on Sept. 8 at the UP Ang Bahay ng Alumni, Diliman, QC.

The debutante will wear a three-toned blue shantung gown with a full bias-cut skirt and backless tube top, embellished with cut glass beads, Swarovski rhinestones and assorted silver pearls, created by **Jojo Manalo**.

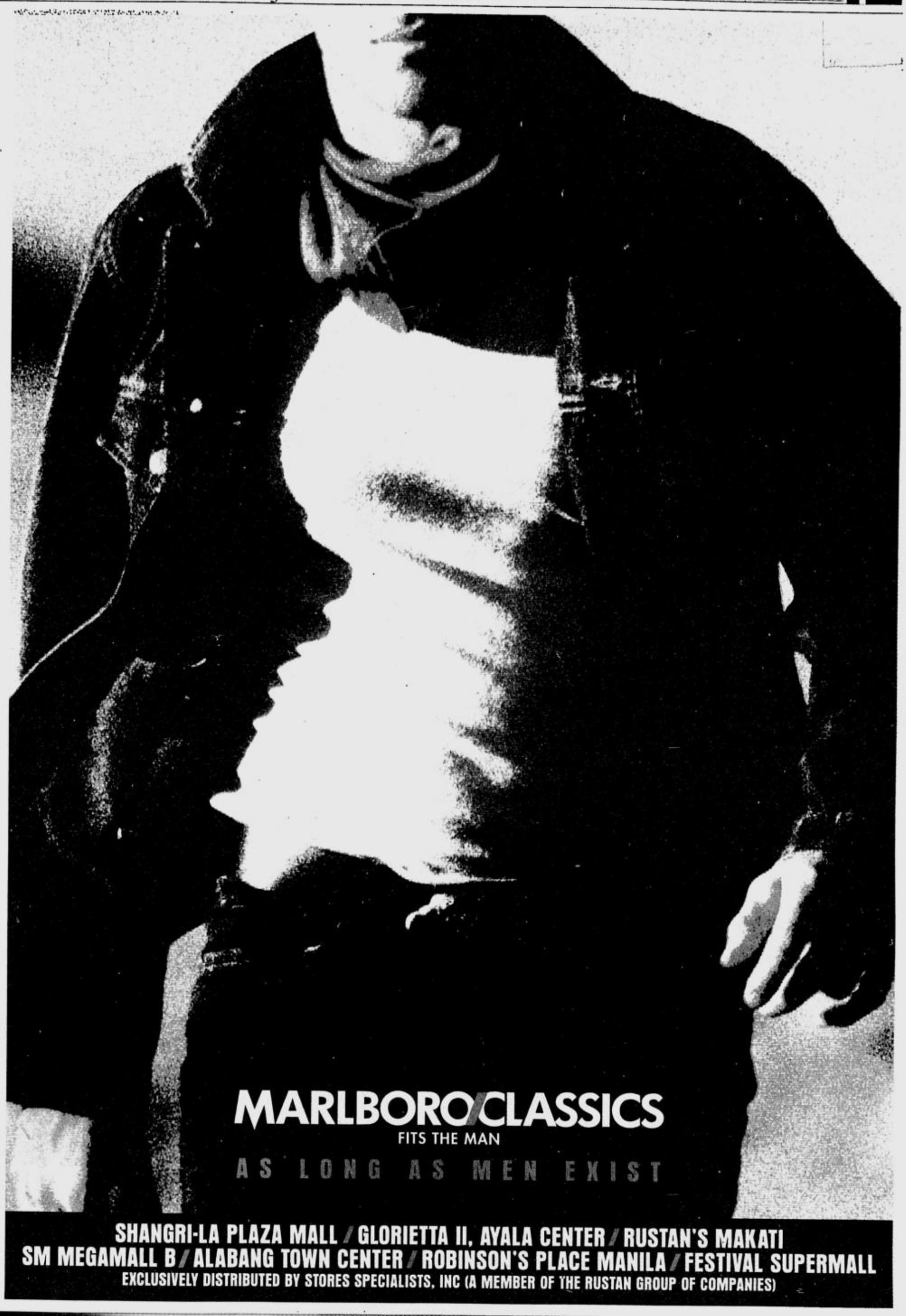
The dance will be choreographed by **Eduard Raymundo**, while balloon and floral arrangement will be by **Romy Buenaventura**. The party souvenirs will be created by Dr. **Felicitas P. Tabuena**. Overall production coordinator is the debutante's cousin, **Freida Zita P. Tabuena**.

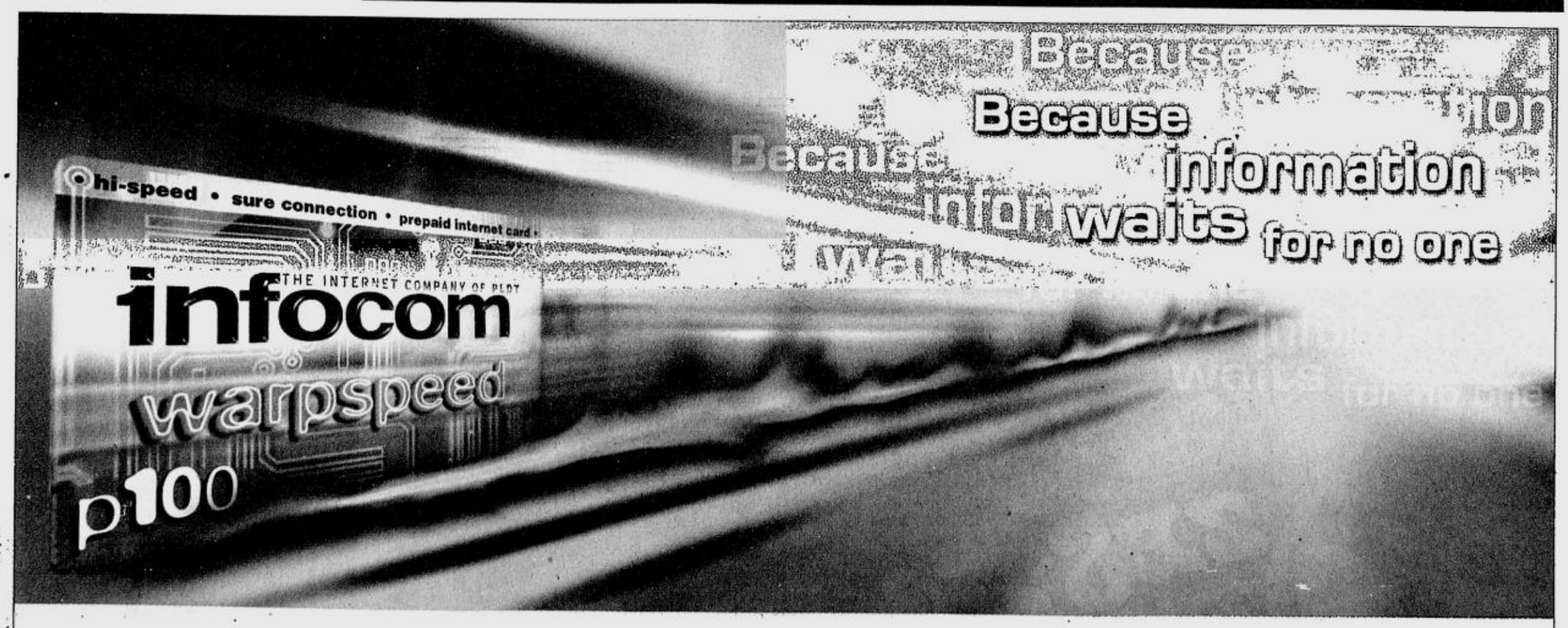
BERMUDEZ DEBUT

Jiselle P. Bermudez, daughter of Capt. **Merlindo** and **Lourdes Patricio Bermudez**, will celebrate her 18th birthday on Sept. 15 at CAP Auditorium.

Jiji, a European languages sophomore at the University of the Philippines in Diliman, will be escorted by her cousin, **Raex P. Legaspi** of the College of St. Benilde.

She will wear a **Blas Aligno** creation in burgundy dupione. The fully boned corset is embellished with multilayered beading of Austrian glass beads. It features a low back tapering into princess-cut flowing skirt.





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Hen Lin: More than just sumptuous siomai

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Hen Lin's branch at the Shell South Luzon Tollway Plaza dishes out satisfying meals to South-bound motorists and South Luzon residents amid its relaxing green and white-themed restaurant. The place is clean, the service crew friendly and prompt, and the menu is a refreshing alternative to the usual fastfood meals. The same ambience and good food can be enjoyed by north-bound motorists at the Hen Lin drive-in at the Shell North Luzon Tollway Plaza in Balagtas, Bulacan.

Hen Lin can also be found at all SM Malls and other major commercial centers as well as in selected Shell stations such as the one at the corner of McKinley Road and EDSA, Forbes Park, Makati City. There are other Hen Lin outlets in various locations in Metro Manila.

Savory dimsum and then some

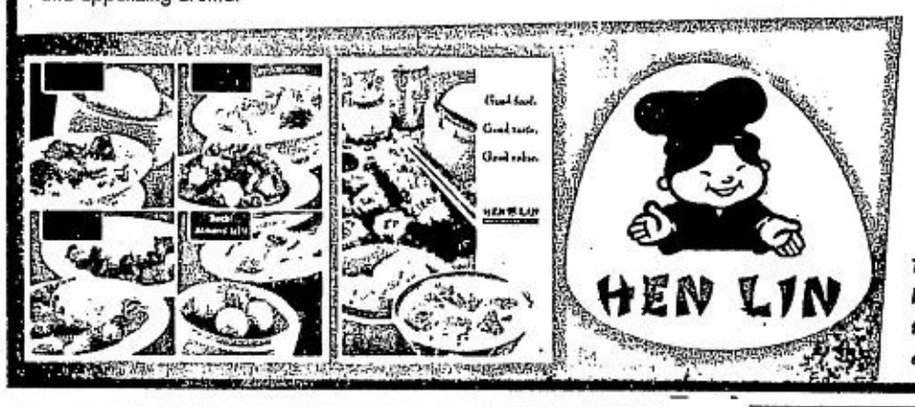
A house favorite, the cuapao is a "siopao-like" mini-sandwich with grounded veggies and meat fillings. Like Hen Lin's siomai, the cuapao is quite addicting. Another popular choice is the sharksfin dimsum which comes with perfectly blended sauces. Both snacks cost only less than P30. Hen Lin's chow mein or "pancit canton," a healthy mix of egg noodles, vegetables and meat strips, is likewise in-demand. It comes at an affordable price of P45.

For your main course, try Hen Lin's barbecue (P45) and lechon macau (P47). The pork barbecue is grilled just right – it is neither too rare nor too done. The lechon macau, on the other hand, has a golden brown color and appetizing aroma.

For desserts, try the black gulaman for only P18. Other dessert choices include hopia monggo or baboy (P29), hopia special ube (P36), almond jelly with lychees (P20), halo-halo (P39), buchi (P26)and Hong Kong style monggo siopao (P26).

The list of Hen Lin's mouth-watering offerings goes on: for rice viands – pork asado, braised beef, fish fillet, sweet and sour pork, soy chicken, white chicken, lumpiang shanghai, Chinese sausage, and kikiam rice which cost only P42 to P52; tokwa't baboy (P28), chicharon pork (P18) and chicharon chicken (P22); chicken asado mami, beef mami, wanton mami and lomi for less than P50; congee chicken and congee halo-halo for P45; and breakfast meals which include bangus, longganisa and tocino which cost between P42 to P52.

The perfect drink to complement all these delicious dishes is Lipton Ice Tea. Lipton Ice Tea is sure to bring out more of the flavor of the delicious Chinese goodies at Hen Lin. Incidentally, Lipton Ice Tea has also launched its new flavors – Honeymansi and Four Seasons – in addition to its classic lemon flavor. These exciting flavors are guaranteed to totally change the prevailing taste in the local iced tea market.



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Milestones

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STRINGFIELD-FLORES

Engineer **Jeffrey G. Stringfield**, son of Ret. Maj. and Ms **William F. Stringfield** of Phoenix, Arizona, USA, and **Mayette A. Flores**, daughter of Engineer and Ms **Rosauro U. Flores** of Cavinti, Laguna, were wed in civil rites on April 8. They will have their church wedding on Sept. 8 at the Santuario de San Jose in East Greenhills. Reception will follow at the Century Grand Ballroom of the Century Park Hotel, Manila.

LAUS-AGTINA

Virgilio Almario Laus and **Leonida Ramos Agtina** will exchange marriage vows at the Malate Catholic Church on Sept. 24. The bride is the daughter of **Pablo** and **Gaudencia Agtina** of Calatagan, Batangas, while the groom is the son of **Bienvenido Laus** and the late **Josefina Almario** of Balanga, Bataan. Reception will be held at the Coconut Palace, CCP Complex. The couple will spend their honeymoon in California, USA.

SIOSON-ABAD

Rems Abad, daughter of Lawyer and Ms **Bonifacio Abad Jr.**, will tie the knot with **Charly Sioson**, son of Mr. and Ms **Carlos Sioson**, on Sept. 8 at the San Agustin Church, Intramuros, Manila.

The bride will wear an ivory gown in two-ply Thai silk created by **Eric Pineda**. The bodice and skirt hem are traced with faux pearls, jet beads and sequins in a vine and leaf pattern with powder blue crystal flowers. A 10-yard long veil of illusion tulle held by crystal pins will frame her slender features.

The entourage will wear gowns in varying shades of silver blue.

Reception will follow at the San Agustin Plaza.

MAGNO DEBUT

Claudette Maria Dolores G. Magno, daughter of **Felicisimo C. Magno Jr.** and **Claveilynn Galimba Magno**, will celebrate her 18th birthday on Sept. 8, with a dinner and dance party to be held on Sept. 14 at the ballroom of the Ayala Alabang Country Club. She will be escorted by **Eduardo B. Jurilla Jr.**

The debutante, a nursing student at the University of Sto. Tomas, will wear a gown designed by **Blisse Justine Tayao**, a former classmate at Colegio de San Agustin, Makati.

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21-25 years old (Female)
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Computer literate
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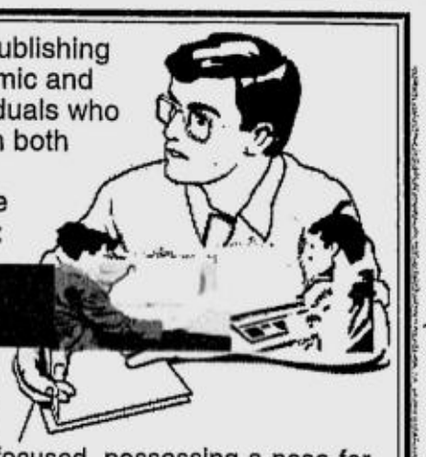

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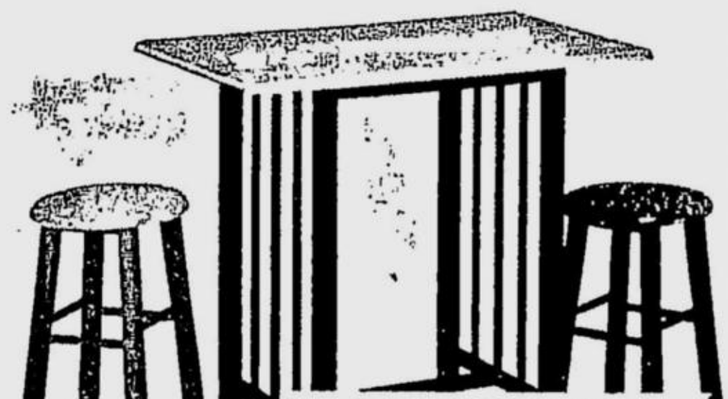

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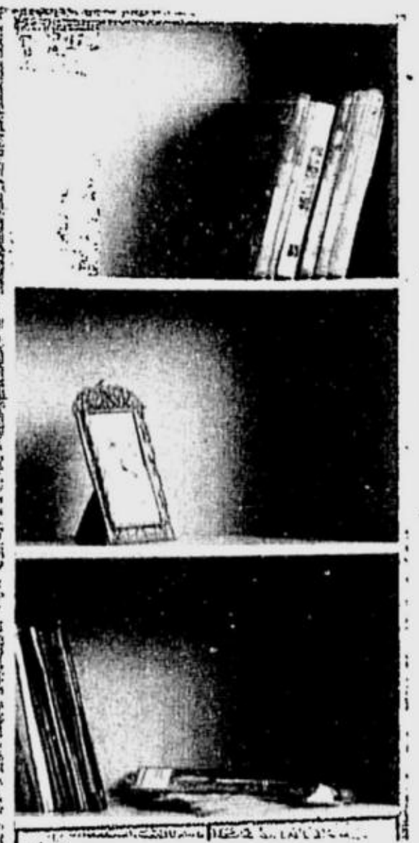

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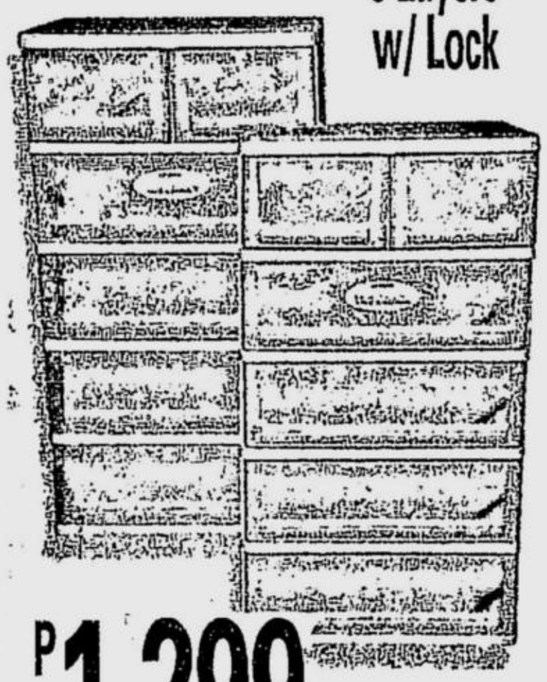

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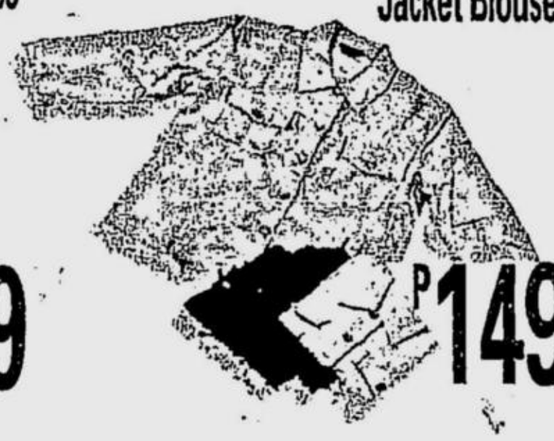

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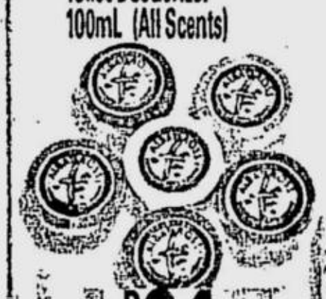

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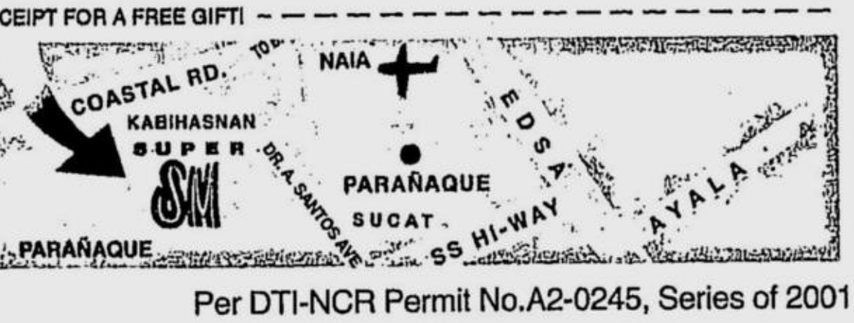

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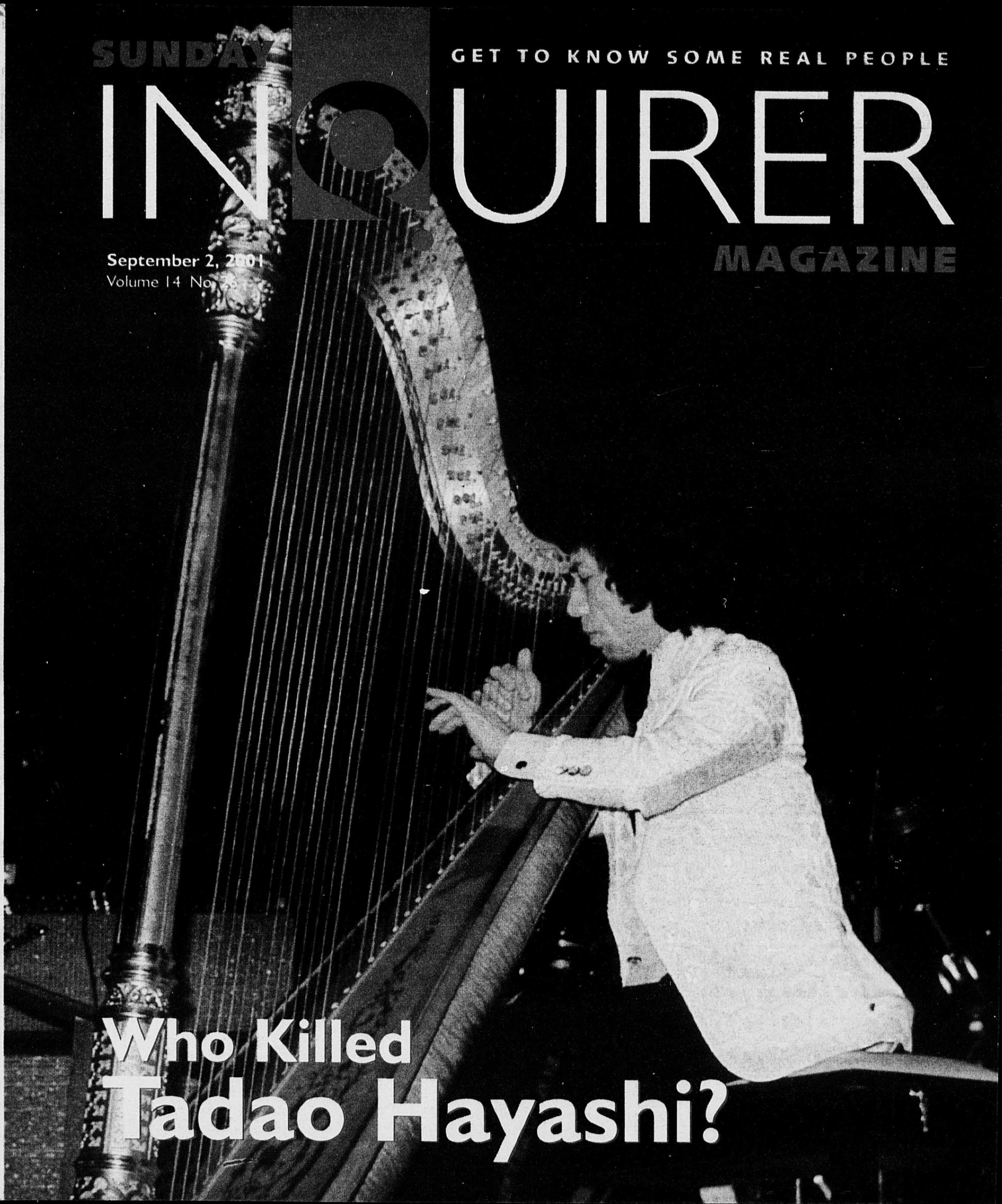

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An Ode To A Visayan Woman

It is dawn and I am fishing on the Verde Island
Passage.

The sun is somewhere slightly above the horizon.

I cannot see it as it is behind a large gray
cloudbank.
Because of this, a tiny island in the distance
And the area of sea around it;
Are bathed in a shining orange-golden light.

Much nearer to our boat,
But still far away;
I notice one of the larger inter-island ferries,
Headed south towards you.

I begin to stare at the bottom of our boat;
Lost in thoughts of you and the distance between us.

I am reminded of the many people and myriad of
situations,
Separating them from family and lovers.

Workers, students, businessmen,
And ultimately other people;
From the ones in their lives they most value.

I am reminded of the couples,
Married and unmarried;
Of siblings not in the same city;
And how their love will determinedly
Transcend time, distance, and circumstances.

Just as I am so certain ours will.

Miguel Jaime Ongpin

God's Flock

Kagabi narito pa sila. Ngayong madaling-araw
narito pa rin sila subalit naninigas
at bumubula ang bibig sa pagtalilis
ng kaluluwang nakakawala
sa yakap ng katawan: hinigop
ng makapal na usok ng impiyernong
yari sa rehas na bakal, at limang palapag
na hollow blocks at semento.

Tabi-tabi silang inihiga sa lupa.
Mistulang kabit-kabit na manikang papel
sa pagkakadipa at pagkakabukaka.
Ang mga paslit, lalo na, ay bulagtang-bulagta.
Itinuturo ng daliri nila ang mga sunog
na kisame't dingding kung saan dumaraan
na nang walang kagatul-gatol
ang mga kerubing mag-aalay ng pakpak
na matatag at busilak: paglalambitinan
sa pag-akyat sa langit nitong
mumunti at batik-batik na tupa ng Panginoon.

Tayong naiiwan dito sa ibaba
ay nangakamulagat lamang sa muhi at mangha.
Nagsisikip ang dibdib sa luhang hindi maluha.
Sinasaksihan nang paulit-ulit
ang mga larawang bangon nang bangon
sa telebisyon: mga multo ng modernong panahon.

Harinawa, sa pagtulog natin sa darating na gabi,
maitanong man lamang sa sarili
kung ilan pang tupa ang dinidiinan ng mga muhon.

Benilda S. Santos

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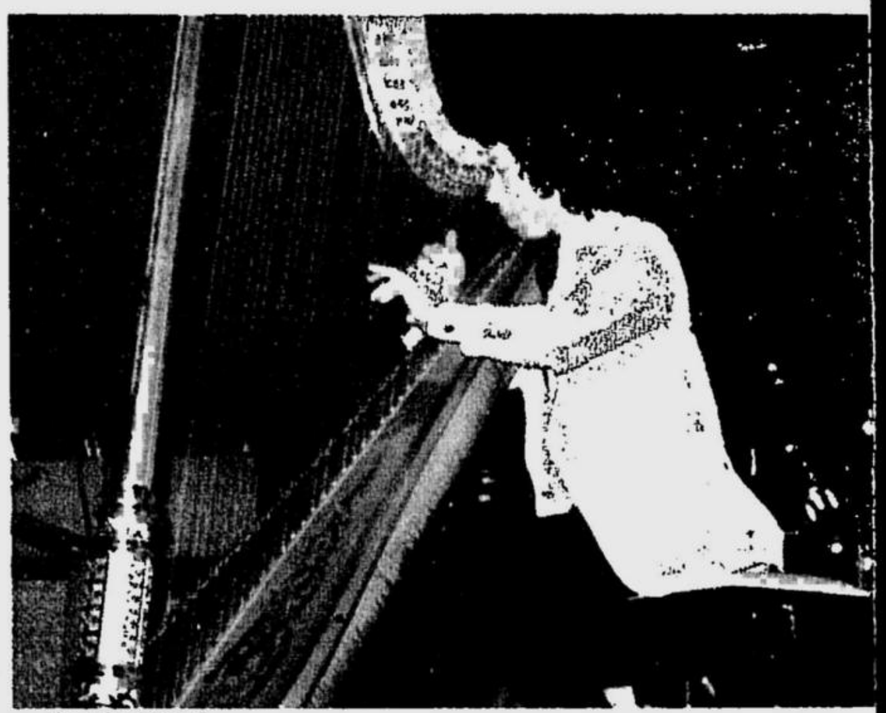

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by Irene Obligacion Radd

Meet some of our ambassadors who will be representing their nations at the upcoming Asian Children's Art Festival

In the Hands of the Children

MILITARY ENCOUNTERS IN MINDANAO; CHILDREN SELLING MORE THAN SAMPAGUITAS IN THE STREETS OF MANILA; THE SEX TRADE OF CHILDREN IN ASIA; THE POLITICAL RALLIES IN INDONESIA; THE ECONOMIC RECESSION IN JAPAN; THE CURTAILMENT OF FREEDOM IN CHINA. HOW CAN CHILDREN TRY TO SOLVE THE PROBLEMS THAT FACE US EACH DAY? THROUGH THE EXPRESSION OF ART IN VARIOUS FORMS!

Come September 15-25, 2001, the Philippine High School for the Arts (PHSA) will host the Asian Children's Arts Festival (ACAF), and will attempt to find solutions to pressing social problems through artistic means – and through the eyes of the people who, in many ways, see such problems most clearly: the children.

Joseph Keith Anicoche, JK for short, is 15 years old and a government scholar at the PHSA. JK has been an active member of Dulaang Sipat-Lawin for the past three years.

Ever since JK can remember, whenever his family and relatives would get together, he would always be requested to sing, dance and act. It wasn't surprising, coming as he does from a family of Ilocano *zarzuela* writers and uncles whose hobby is singing. Since performing is in his blood, JK picked theater as his art form. "Theater reflects life. It's a collection of different art forms like dance, music and the visual arts. And you become different characters in theater once you're on the stage. I prefer to stay with an art form that has movement, because I can express myself better." Theater is an form that educates as well as entertains, JK believes. "That's why performers or artists should be very careful when they perform, because people believe the messages they relay."

The upcoming arts festival will provide Pinoy kids with a chance to show off, JK says. "Many Filipino youth and other young Asians think that western culture is superior to our own. This will be a good chance to bond with other Asian children and show the world that our culture is as important as that of the west." The festival will not only offer performances, but also fora for the discussion of sensitive issues related to children, like child labor, street children, sexual exploitation and children involved in armed conflict – issues which children themselves should be aware of, JK adds. "If you know the problem, in your own small way you can try to do something about it."

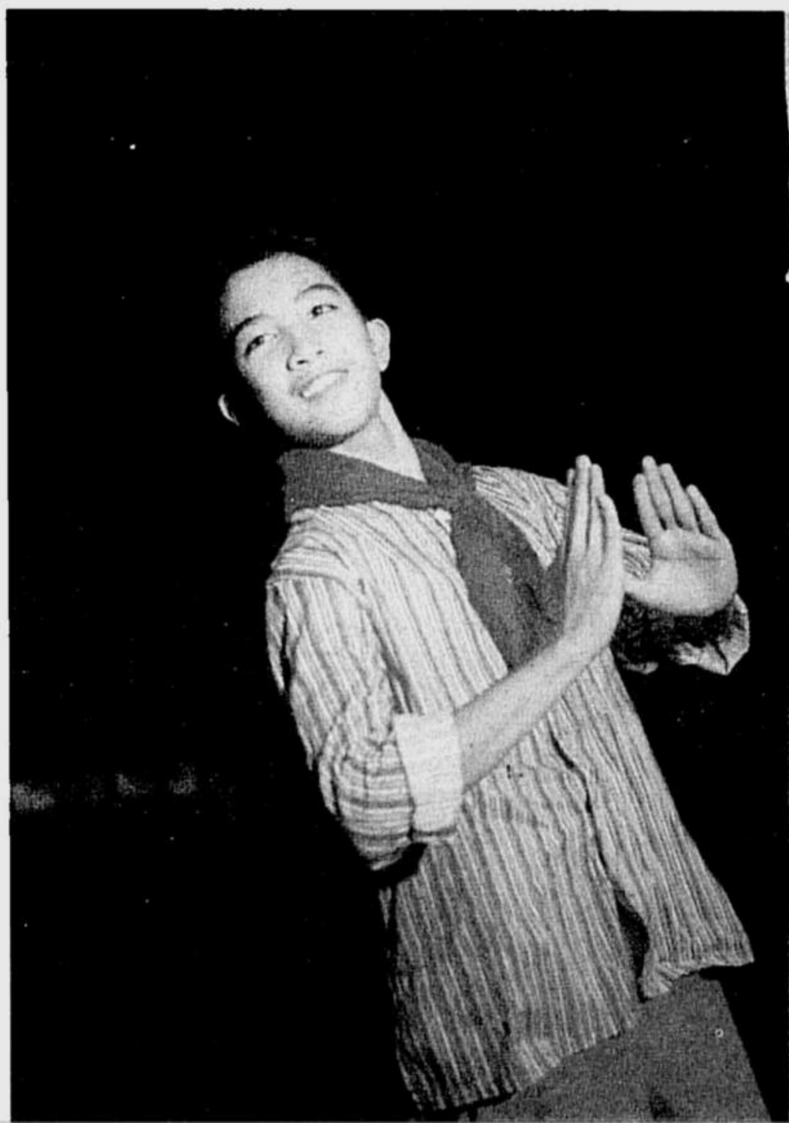
Michael Joseph "Mickey" L. Santos is a student of Marcelo H. del Pilar High School in Bulacan. He is a dancer of the Barasoain Kalinangan Foundation Inc. When asked about his art, Mickey says, "Dance is an art form that crosses all barriers. Through dance, one can express one's feelings, and hopefully the audience will see, appreciate and react to your performance." Mickey's mentor and role model is Rodel Fronda, who taught him "discipline in dance. He teaches us that as long as you study the dance very well, you can face people and prove to them that you have given your best!" Mickey is anticipating that the ACAF will be "fun. They will find out more about us Filipinos."

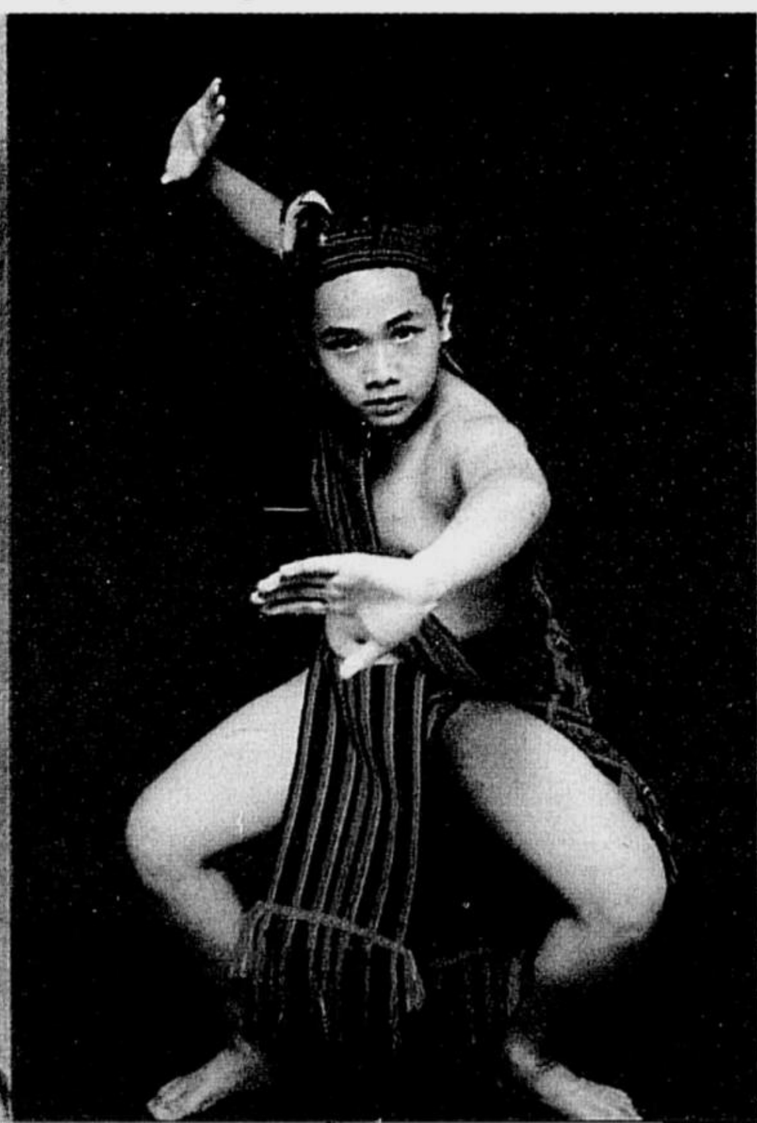
Anna Kristina "Kricket" Mangui-ob is a 15-year-old high school senior at the Philippine Women's College of Davao. Her art form of choice is creative writing. When asked whom she took after, she immediately points to her father who is a minister of their church. Kricket is an open-minded girl who loves adventure and new challenges. This is one reason why she has frequent arguments with her father, especially with her extracurricular activities, like being editor-in-chief of Philwomenian, the school newsletter. But Kricket has proven to her father that she can still maintain high grades and continue with her school activities.

Her role model is Stella Estremera, editor of SunStar Davao, who recently gave an inspirational talk at her school. Estremera gave the students a lot of advice on the art of writing, which Kricket has been applying to this day.

Kricket is looking forward to the ACAF as "an assembly of young artists and leaders from across the continent. This will promote friendship, camaraderie and goodwill among the participants." The festival will also

Center stage: (L to R) Michael Joseph Santos, Anna Kristina Mangui-ob and Joseph Keith Anicoche are among the Filipinos under the lights at the Asian Children's Art Festival





Noteworthy

Survivor, the Book

Guess who's dissing whom? This EDSA 2 book makes the meanest convoluted soap opera sound like a Disney movie

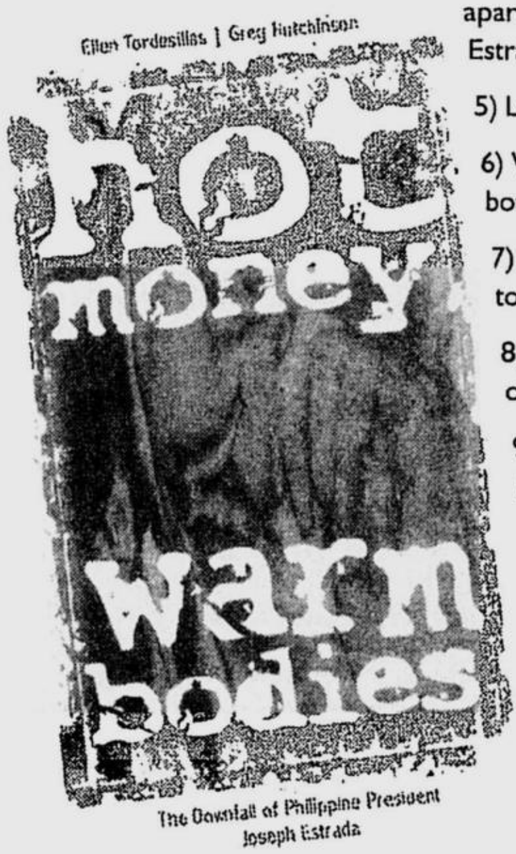
POP quiz for those who think they've got EDSA 2 covered:

1) The real reason behind the killing of former basketball star Arnulfo Tuadles, according to *jueteng* whistleblower Chavit Singson, and as told to former Ramos Budget Secretary Salvador Enriquez

2) Why it was so easy for Chavit Singson to bury (in a figurative sense) his former patron Erap

3) The key reason why GMA chose former Sen. Teofisto Guingona to be her veep

4) The starlet for whom Fil-Estate head Robert Sobrepeña supposedly reserved an apartment for liaisons with then-President Joseph Estrada



5) Laarni Enriquez's edge over her rivals

6) Why Laarni Enriquez reportedly went berserk on board a PAL plane in one of her foreign trips

7) What first attracted former First Lady Loi Ejercito to Estrada

8) Where Erap spent the night on the eve of his oathtaking as 13th President of RP

9) How Laarni Enriquez got Erap to break up with PAL stewardess Rowena Lopez

10) Erap's pragmatic words when told of the imminent desertion of his top brass on Jan. 19, 2001

For answers, get hold of a copy of "Hot Money, Warm Bodies," a behind-the-scenes account of the events that led to Estrada's ouster in January this year. Chockfull of intimate details and spicy tidbits about the venal lives of the high and mighty and the plain "dumb and greedy" (as one mistress described another), this is definitely one title you read in one sitting.

No wonder this book by journalists Ellen Tordesillas (of the daily Malaya) and Greg Hutchinson (of Reuters, the Financial Times, Sydney Morning Herald, etc.) is now on its second printing, having enjoyed very brisk sales since its launching barely a month ago. But make no mistake. The book has more going for it than just juicy gossip; the authors make sure that there are incisive insights into the motives of men and mistresses as they situate this latest historic event in the context of the country's maturing democracy.

Well, alright, here are the answers as quoted from "Hot Money...": 1) Because he quit a gambling game with then Sen. Estrada while he was ahead; 2) because he's a licensed embalmer; 3) his "I accuse" speech at the Senate which fearlessly laid Chavit Singson's *jueteng* revelations at Estrada's door; 4) Amanda Page; 5) she knows reflexology and gives Erap one hell of a foot massage; 6) because the plane video showed her rival Weng Lopez giving the safety precautions; 7) "his very nice legs; 8) with Guia Gomez; 9) she connived with a feng shui expert who advised Erap against certain negative forces that would bring him down; 10) "Lunch *muna tayo*."

"Hot Money..." is published by Anvil and is available at your favorite bookstores.

Magickids: Josef (right) and the actors from PHSA

enable participating countries such as Japan, Korea, Indonesia and China, among others, to share their rich art and culture to the rest of Asia through a series of performances exhibits and outreach activities.

"I believe this will be the perfect avenue for the children to express themselves, their feelings and thoughts through visual, literary and performing arts," Kricket says. "Through their works they can impart their messages to their other children and to adults. This festival will make the children aware that they still have a bigger world to share their experiences in, a wider opportunity to touch each other's lives, and a brighter future to hope for."

"The idea of an Asian Children's Arts Festival was motivated by the interaction and the progressive cultural exchanges between PHSA students and the children of various orientations," says Fernando "Nanding" Josef, Executive Director of the PHSA. Initiated four years ago, the program offers an opportunity for young artists of the special arts school to meet and interact with other young people – street children, physically challenged youth, children from indigenous cultural communities, children-artists from other schools, orphans, abandoned kids and children from both urban and rural communities. "The PHSA students are provided with as much opportunity to become aware of social, political and economic realities in the Philippines and in other parts of the world in order for them to use these realities as inspirations for their creative and artistic activities," says Josef. The experience always leaves a strong impact on the children whose lives are enriched by the tremendous insights. "While we are not advocating anti-western attitudes and Asian supremacy, it is our goal to strengthen and reinforce the fiber of the Asian cultural heritage. We want to build a new generation of Asians who will continuously enhance their own artistic and cultural values and who will proudly present their uniqueness to the rest of the world."

The Asian Children's Arts Festival and Conference will be held from September 15 to 25, 2001. The venues are the National Arts Center, Mt. Makiling, Los Baños, Laguna; Marikina Riverbanks; and Edsa Shangri-La Plaza.

The participants include the Chongqing Acrobatic Troupe of China, Sarotama Art Workshop of Indonesia, Seoul Traditional Art High School, and Kasai Dancing Company of Japan. The Philippines will be represented by the Barasoain Kalinangan Foundation, Inc., Helobung School of Living Traditions, Mindanao Alternative Center for the Visual Arts, the Philippine Women's College of Davao and PHSA's Dulaang Sipat-Lawin. Guest performers include New Voice Company, Sining Kumintang of Batangas and Teatro Sambisig, Inc.

This festival is a joint effort of the Cultural Center of the Philippines, the National Commission for Culture and the Arts, the Los Baños Science Community, the Japan Foundation and Edsa Shangri-La Plaza.

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How Marilu Corpus' infatuation with the comic strip character led her to a dream career in licensing

Success! Thanks to Snoopy

IT'S HARD TO THINK OF CHARLIE BROWN AND SUCCESS HAND IN HAND. THE WORLD'S MOST FAMOUS, IF LOVABLE, LOSER NEVER GETS THE GIRL, ALWAYS MISSES THE BALL, AND ENDS UP FALLING FLAT ON HIS FACE. BUT THIS LITTLE BALD KID - OR AT LEAST, HIS REAL-LIFE ALTER EGO, AKA CHARLES SCHULZ - WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR ONE LITTLE GIRL MAKING HER DREAM COME TRUE.

Like Charlie Brown, his smart-aleck dog Snoopy and the rest of the gang, Marilu Corpus was different from the other kids. While her friends gorged on dolls, hairbrushes and mirrors in elementary grade, she lived, breathed, and devoured everything she could on Charlie Brown's pet beagle. Years later, while her now college friends were discoing the night away to Travolta-inspired music, Marilu was still collecting every bit of Snoopy she could find, from books, bags and stickers to stuffed items.

Many people saw it as a childhood affectation that would later run its course. Years later, the same Marilu Corpus would be running the different licensing arms of Charles Schulz' creations all over the world as an international director of United Media (Unimedia), the marketing group handling the Peanuts gang.

How did she get the job? She worked her way up. How did she get in? One gutsy application to work for the people who made Peanuts—without any business degree (Marilu graduated Fine Arts), any prior licensing experience, any connections, and working papers (she was a Filipina visiting New York; if they decide to hire her, they would have to sponsor her—and that didn't come cheap).

All she had was her love for Snoopy and Peanuts and her guts. After weeks of nerve-wracking interviews, all the way up from personnel to company president, Unimedia took her in. It was literally a dream come true, the kind of wish-fulfillment story that Marilu's rival companies would love to have on their promo blitz.

Flash forward to the present: Marilu now runs her own company, Click! Licensing and Promotions. Click! acts as the Philippine agent licensing the rights of cartoon or movie characters to manufacturers and distributors here in the Philippines. Big Bird dolls, Barney pillows, and the latest high-tech dinosaurs of "Jurassic Park 3" — Click! gets them on shop shelves for our kids to drool over. Other brands include Teletubbies, Barney, Sesame Street, Thomas the Tank Engine, Dragon Tales, Clifford, the irreverent South Park ("the ONLY non-wholesome thing we do"), and the long-lasting board game Monopoly.

It takes a kid-at-heart to know what our children can enjoy. And despite all the travels, training, and corporate battles, Click!'s CEO still carries that youthful sense of wonder and excitement. Which is probably what sold her to the tough guys at Unimedia decades ago.

"I didn't know squat about licensing," Marilu remembers that fateful month she entered the Unimedia office in New York, asking to be part —any part— of the Peanuts world. "I didn't have working papers. But maybe they figured that I could understand the customer because I was a customer myself. Plus the fact that I was gutsy enough to apply, not knowing anyone in the company, yet there I was."

Later on, as the company's International Account Executive acting as liaison to the European agent, she would have the opportunity to meet the real Charlie Brown himself. She describes Charles Schulz as a mild-mannered, fatherly, if formal, man who seemed blissfully unaware of his legendary status. She had told him, "You don't know

Creatures big and small: Marilu and her characters

Dinosaurs from Marilu's cute assembly

how much influence you have in my life. I'm star-struck by all this." The congenial old man's quiet reply, "I know what you mean"—referring to his own thrilling encounters with celebrities like Billie Jean King.

Schultz, who passed away a couple of years ago, would have been proud of Marilu today. Sesame Street just awarded Click! the Licensing Agent of the Year award above all its counterparts all over the world. It cited Marilu in particular "for her outstanding relationship with retailers in the Philippines," instrumental in developing the brand's retail environment in the country. Another feather on her cap was the expansion of Ernie, Bert, and their pals to over 25 licensees including a long-term catalog presence with one giant company.

Marilu admits that the distinction does matter. "I heard some opinions from America on how the Philippines is being regarded as a small territory, that we have too many brand infringements here. And that the over-all attitude of the license owners towards the country is, 'Don't bother.' This is what I wanted to erase."

Click!'s leading lady heard those "opinions" first-hand. Her first post at Unimedia was an excellent, if grueling, training ground, especially for a twentysomething novitiate tasked to oversee a 60-year-old brusque, strong-willed Italian who had his own ideas on what had to be done. "I had to prove to him that I could get the job done. There were shouting matches and walk-outs. Eventually, I earned his respect and we became friends. Years later, he asked me to work with him in Milan."

It meant 12-hour workdays studying the fine print on contracts, untangling the inconsistencies and defining terms and conditions. It meant checking first hand the factories and the products in different cities throughout Europe. It meant flying in to Mexico at 2 a.m., not sure if a cab would be there to greet her. The two-times-a-week travel out of New York was far from being a glamorous jet-setting stint. It was hard, exhausting work, period.

There was a time when she had to breeze through Brussels, Amsterdam, Milan, Munich, London, then back to New York—in seven days. She had to pick up illegal T-shirts being sold in Munich to show to the agent in London. Her visa-less Filipino green card almost spelled disaster.

"I had to beg and grovel with the authorities, 'This is my ticket. I'm really leaving London tomorrow. I'm sleeping here tonight because I have to do this.'" Soon enough, the doors opened.

Of course, there were also times when her Filipino passport was an asset. During the 1980s, the US bombing of Libyan strongman Muammar Khaddafi brought about fears of reprisal. US citizens (or employees like Marilu) had to board European planes, instead of American ones. There were also non-stop rumors that terrorists could just take Americans as hostages. As a contingency, Marilu had half-jokingly toyed with the idea of just fishing out her passport: "I'm a Filipino. You don't want me."

After becoming director for international licensing for Europe, she was eventually moved to do the same job in Latin America. Then, after a couple of years, she was moved again to take over Asia-Pacific. At that time, Marilu didn't see it for the compliment that her bosses meant it to be.

"They said it was because I did a good job. And in hindsight, it was great training. But at that time, I was complaining to the president. Once I set a territory up, after clearing out the weeds and making the merchandise move smoothly, they would make someone take over and move me out! That meant someone else would reap the rewards I had worked hard for!"

The frustration eventually caused her resignation from Unimedia. What followed was a post as VP for International Licensing for MGM. Leaping from cartoon to cinema, her hours were spent pushing the licenses for famous film signatures like Pink Panther, James Bond, and Rocky. But it was a bad time for MGM. The '90s were marked by take-overs. Presidents, CEOs, and top guns would come in and go. Not even celebrity lunches with celluloid stars could sweeten the politics. After several years, Marilu left. "It was driving me nuts."

A desire to be close to her family, particularly her mom, brought her home. It was time to learn the ropes again, in a manner of speaking. First, it was as marketing manager of Edsa Shangri-La Plaza Mall. Then, she set up and ran ABS-CBN's licensing arm, Star Magic, for three years. When she felt it was time to go, her boss and ABS top man Gabby Lopez gave her his blessing.

"I had thought of setting up an events company to avoid competition. But ABS was focusing on Filipino properties. Gabby gave me the go-ahead to do Sesame Street—and I was not thinking of putting up a company yet."

Click! was born in Marilu's typical lightning-fast way of doing things. The company recently had its annual showcase where it presented its licensees to potential buyers.

Snoopy does and always will hold a special place in Marilu's heart. In her favorite strip, the dog winks slyly and enigmatically at the reader. The thought balloon above pops, "Smile. People will never know what you're up to."

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Cover Story

by Christian V. Esguerra

Tadao Hayashi's murder at the hands of someone he knew and probably trusted has smashed the peaceful façade of the Japanese musician and long-time Philippine resident's little-known private life

Broken Silence

UNTIL HIS DEATH, TADAO HAYASHI WAS A SILENT, SECRETIVE MAN. HE SHARED NOTHING BEYOND HIS MUSIC. NO ONE KNEW ABOUT HIS SECRET LIFE. NO ONE KNEW HE WAS GAY.

To his few close friends, Tadao was a reclusive harpist, a pure artist who stayed out of the spotlight whenever he could.

Roxanne Lapus, his manager for 15 years, describes him as a monkish celebrity who kept his private life strictly private. "We talked about God, his music, his mother, the Philippines, and the things that made him happy," she says. "But he never really shared his personal life with me."

At 62, Tadao showed "signs" of homosexual tendencies, so there was a nagging suspicion among friends that he could be gay. As far as they knew, he had no wife or children, not even a girlfriend. He lived alone in a modest, two-bedroom bungalow in the farthest reaches of Caloocan City.

The rumors, however, were confined to hushed talks. No one attempted to ask Tadao about it. Out of respect, not one dared crack a joke when he was around. "He was not blatant about his sexual preference," Lapus says. "It's something he wasn't comfortable sharing with other people, and we respected that."

Tadao would have wanted to take his secret life to the grave, had it not been for his brutal death.

A friend visited Tadao's residence in LD Village in Tala, Caloocan last July 22. He left a scene of carnage at the well-kept house. Probably in a fit of rage, he held Tadao by the hair and slammed his head against the wall until the musician died.

Antonio Clet, 47, Tadao's assistant for 13 years, found him in his bedroom the following day.

Police didn't take long to pinpoint a suspect. The signs were all over the house, they say. There was no break-in. Tadao even entertained his killer, as shown by the two drinking glasses found in the living room.

"Obviously, Tadao was killed by someone he knew well," says Supt. Benjardi Mantele, Caloocan police chief. A neighbor, Reynaldo Ortillano, told investigators he had seen a young man knocking at Tadao's gate on the night he was killed.

The man, according to Ortillano, was between 19 to 23, about 5 feet 4 inches tall, of medium build and with a fair complexion. Police later released a sketch of Tadao's suspected killer based on these descriptions.

A carpenter working for Tadao said he had also seen a man in the house the night before the killing. The man, the carpenter said, was still in the house when he left before 10 p.m. Police could not tell if Ortillano and the carpenter were referring to the same man.

With the suspect identified, little did investigators know they were about to unravel Tadao's best-kept secret.

Three days after the killing, police arrested Alex Ilagan, 31, Tadao's masseur and lover. Tall, dark and handsome, Ilagan is easily every gay man's fantasy, a deadringer for silver screen stud Carlos Morales. Yes, even the muscles.

His arrest confirmed what Tadao's friends had suspected all along. "He was gay, after all," Lapus says. She had heard a lot of "stories" about Tadao, but she never got to confirm them. She never saw any of his rumored lovers – until Ilagan was presented by police to newsmen, his face all over television.

Lapus was not in any way shocked with Tadao's death. Somehow, she saw it coming. "That's the risk he took when he engaged in dangerous liaisons."

When Tadao bought his house in LD Village in 1998, Lapus advised him to look for a much safer place. But Tadao replied in fluent Filipino: "*Huwag kang mag-alala, mababait ang mga kapitbahay ko.*" (Don't worry, I have nice neighbors.)

Indeed, he was a good man and nobody would ever try to harm him, she thought.

But to make sure, she asked Clet to look after Tadao. Clet, a long-time messenger at her First Name Entertainment and Management, Inc., lived nearby.

To his friends, Tadao was a very generous man. He easily shared anything he had. He never liked to party, though he usually graced dinners with his harp.

"Ironically, his audiences were the rich, but his heart belonged to the

A Musician's Musician

by Eric S. Caruncho

The gentle harpist conquered Pinoys with his finger tripping, and never left

TADAO Hayashi was already a recording artist in Japan with several albums to his credit when he first came to the Philippines in the late 1970s. But the harpist was so smitten by the warm reception that Filipino audiences gave him and his music that he never left.

"Partly it was the novelty of the instrument," says violinist John Lesaca, who frequently played with Hayashi throughout the late harpist's two-decade career in the Philippines and got to know him well. "The harp is usually associated with classical music, like the violin. But when he started playing jazz on the harp, the audiences appreciated it."

Hayashi's first hit was an instrumental version of Antonio Carlos Jobim's "Wave." This was followed by what became his signature tune, "Finger Trip." When he settled in the Philippines, Hayashi began recording harp versions of Filipino tunes such as *"Dahil Sa Iyo," "Ngayon at Kailanman"* and *"Minamahal Kita."* Hayashi's records sold well at the outset of his Philippine career, giving the quiet, usually reserved musician a measure of local celebrity. He was a frequent guest on TV shows, and played regularly in hotel and music lounges.

"I was expecting that we wouldn't be communicating too much in words, but more through our music," recalls Lesaca of his first encounter with Hayashi. "But we hit it off quite well, even with his broken English, and we did a lot of shows together. We had a great time sharing the music of our instruments. The most requested tunes were 'Somewhere in Time' and 'Theme from Summer of '42.'"

Although the delicate tones produced by the harp prevented Hayashi from doing heavy improvisation, Lesaca says he had the jazz musician's facility for on-the-spot arrangements and was keenly sensitive to what the other musicians were playing.

"I would ask him if he knew such-and-such a number, and he would simply ask, 'What key?'

He was very sensitive. If I slowed down, he would know how to slow down and support me. He was a musician's musician. He had this uncanny touch."

Hayashi felt so at home in the Philippines that he became a permanent resident. He quickly became proficient in Tagalog. He made his living as a working musician, and often shared the Filipino working musician's travails of poor sound systems, short pay and irregular gigs with grace and good humor.

"He absorbed the Pinoy musician's sense of humor," says Lesaca. "If he didn't know you, he would be polite, formal. That was his Japanese side. *Pag kilala ka na, biglang Pinoy ang dating.*"

When his popularity waned, Hayashi opened a small *carinderia* to supplement his income, cooking the Japanese dishes on the menu himself. He had just signed an agreement to play regularly at the Dusit Hotel when he was murdered.

"I know for a fact that he loved the Philippines very much," says Lesaca. "It's such a pity that it took a Filipino to end his life. It's something I'm ashamed of.'

poor," Lapus says. One time, Tadao hosted a free dinner concert for his poor neighbors in Tala, she recalls. It served both as a treat to his neighbors and a thanksgiving for his successful concert series in hotel bars and restaurants.

In concerts, Tadao usually left it to his agents to settle his talent fee. He simply wanted to share his music. "He usually charged between free and P100,000 for every gig," Lapus says.

Clet knows Tadao's generous heart, as well. For the past 13 years before his death, Tadao was Clet's unofficial employer, an older brother who gave him anything he needed.

Musical friends: Tadao with Kuh Ledesma (far left) and John Lesaca

Tadao's generosity apparently invited suspected opportunists, Ilagan included, police say. A mutual friend introduced Tadao to Ilagan in 1987. At 48, the harpist was old enough to be the young man's father. Ilagan was only 17.

Since then, Ilagan said he went regularly to Tadao to give him a massage. One meeting led to another. Before they knew it, they were lovers. "I never asked for money," Ilagan insists. "He was giving me money."

Soon, however, Ilagan found himself a wife. It broke Tadao's heart, but Tadao gave in. He even agreed to be the godfather of Ilagan's daughter and provided for the family. "How could I kill Tadao, when he has been very good to me?" Ilagan argued when he was tagged by police as a primary suspect.

He said he had not seen Tadao since he and his wife broke up about two years ago. "I didn't want him to think that I would return to him after a failed marriage."

Despite Ilagan's denials, police insist he was the killer. Ilagan made a living by sleeping with rich homosexuals, police say. He would allegedly frequent gay hubs and hobnob with the gay and famous.

"He is an opportunist, a professional one," says Supt. Dionicio Borromeo of the Caloocan Police. While he was Tadao's lover, Ilagan was concurrently also the boytoy of a gay antique shop owner in Quezon City. "He was a two-timer," Borromeo says. "He has a history of beating up his gay lovers whenever they failed to finance his caprices."

Ilagan once ran amok in the antique shop when his lover refused to give him money, he adds. Prior to his death, Tadao had been rejecting Ilagan's phone calls since "he would only ask for money again," according to Clet.

On the evening of July 22, Ilagan supposedly went to Tadao's house to personally demand money. Tadao refused. At a press conference on July 26, a day after Ilagan's arrest, Ortillano pointed at Ilagan as the one he had seen knocking on Tadao's door on July 22.

But Ilagan was the complete opposite of the man Ortillano described in the police sketch. Ilagan is around 5 feet 10 inches tall with a heavy build. Police immediately dismissed the apparent discrepancy. The sketch, they say, was not conclusive.

Anyway, Ilagan had bruises on the chest and right knuckles. Police believe he got these when Tadao put up a fight. Ilagan says he got the

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A father-and-daughter team turn a shared concern into a chance to bring children and the gentle creatures of the Manila Zoo together

Pet Project

JOHN CHUA COULDN'T FORGET THE DAY HIS DAUGHTER KATHY SLAMMED THE DOOR ON HIM.

"THAT WAS TWO YEARS AGO," SAYS THE 53-YEAR-OLD ADVERTISING AND AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHER. "THAT TIME I WAS PLANNING TO GO ON A SHOOTING TRIP AROUND THE PHILIPPINES. KATHY HAD ALWAYS ENJOYED DOING THINGS LIKE THESE, SO I ASKED HER TO JOIN ME IN THE PROJECT."

To his surprise, the young lady wasn't interested at all. "She told me she wanted no part in it, then she started to cry – and she slammed the door on me!"

John must have thought that such tantrums were normal of girls her age. After all, Kathy was a typical 20-year-old, with all the mood swings and problems that other 20-year-olds have. But what really bothered this girl, he later found out, was far more serious than could be expected of any teenager.

"Kathy was concerned about the Manila Zoo," explains John. "She had been there a couple of times to offer her hand as a zoo volunteer, but nobody – not even the zoo staffers – seemed to care!"

Call it a burst of his daughter's youthful idealism (or maybe an extreme case of optimism), but that night they decided to do whatever they can to uplift the sad state of the zoo. Right there and then, the My Zoo Foundation was born.

The My Zoo Foundation is the organization behind the revival of sorts that is currently happening to Manila's only wildlife reserve. In an almost forgotten and virtually outdated institution, the My Zoo Foundation has inspired a newer, more exciting approach to running a zoo.

"We want to usher in a more interactive way of teaching people about our animal friends," Kathy confides. "Due to years of neglect by the authorities, our zoo has been left behind by the times." She also states that while other zoos around the world have evolved into centers of nature-oriented learning and entertainment, this one has remained a mere collection of animals in cages.

Such a glum situation, indeed, but one that the My Zoo Foundation is determined to reverse. As of this moment; it is composed of a handful of college kids, a certain 53-year old adult, and a number of the zoo's veterinarian staffers. They are, in fact, the ones who started the daily reptile and bird shows within the park grounds. Often they hold guided tours for the dozens of schools that visit the zoo each week. And when they're not out promoting wildlife conservation in their "Zoo to You" visits (wherein zoo animals are brought out to schools and communities), they're in Makati's corporate hallways, looking for sponsors for their park rehabilitation programs.

"There have been many other well-meaning individuals in the past who have tried to help the zoo," notes an outside observer. "But what sets this group apart from the others is that they seem to be actually succeeding!"

The speedy progress of their projects is impressive, and their ability to skip the usual administrative red tape is amazing. Just how has the My Zoo Foundation been able to act so efficiently?

John Chua gives a surprisingly simple answer: A good idea catches fire.

"When people hear about something good, more often than not they'd want to be part of it," he ventures. So when he and Kathy brought up the idea of the animal shows, the zoo administrators were all ears. The director then offered to use his trained parrots for the program, as well as some of the park's reptiles.

"They even built a small amphitheater for the whole show," Kathy adds.

Sometimes, however, a good idea alone fails to move people. On these occasions, the group resorts to leading by example.

Kathy and John Chua take the zoo seriously

Clockwise from above: Getting up close and personal with a python; the giraffe joins the fun; an iguana gets examined

"Back then, we noticed that the main aviary wasn't regularly cleaned," recounts John. "There were bird droppings and dirt all over the place, so we brought in my high-pressure water hose and started cleaning the enclosure by ourselves."

When the zoo staff got hold of this, they scrambled to help John and his crew. Bringing out their own high-pressure hose, the maintenance men eventually finished what the group members started. Now the aviary is always clean.

These days, morale is quite high among the people of the Manila Zoo. With help from the My Zoo Foundation, the workers strive to inject a dose of renewed vigor into the park activities. They walk its grounds with their heads held high, ready to assist any visitor, or perhaps give an impromptu lesson or two about the creatures they keep.

"These people work here because they love animals," explains John. "All they have to do is to show it"

This might even prove that change, be it big or small, can be initiated with minimal funding. "Begging for money is the last thing the zoo ought to do," he says. "We should show people first that we can help ourselves, and then tell them later that we can do more with their assistance."

And rest assured, this assistance will go a long way in helping its ultimate beneficiaries: the zoo animals and ourselves.

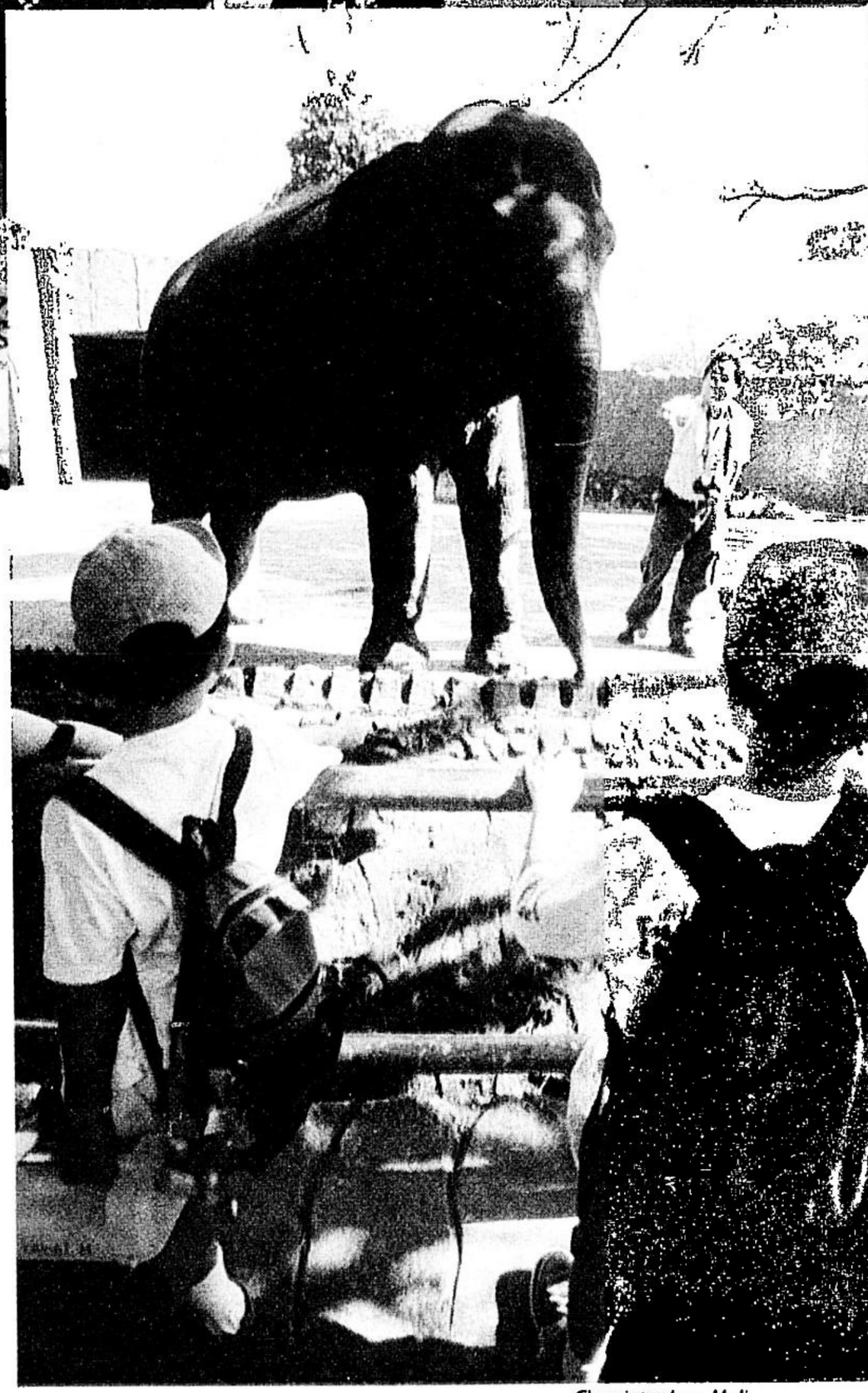
John recounts the time he brought a little girl inside the main aviary. He was crouched beside her, watching the child with her arms outstretched, her eyes filled with wonder and amazement while she slowly counted the birds in the enclosure.

"That particular moment in life, you know you are happy. You forget your problems, you forget that you're 53 years old. Right there and then you become a six-year-old trying to communicate with another six-year-old."

And of course, the little girl gets a newfound sense of wonder and respect for nature.

"Things like these, they happen very rarely in a person's life," John continues. "You may experience them only once or twice in a year. But here at the zoo, these little miracles happen everyday."

As good a reward as any, perhaps, for John and Kathy Chua.



Chua introduce Mali, a 25-year-old Asian elephant, to some young friends

RX for A Longer Life

Thinking up a scheme based on a patient's capacity to pay, PGH director Dr. Juan Nañagas hopes to nurse the 91-year-old government hospital back into the pink of health

IDENTIFYING WITH THE *MASA* MAY BE A POPULAR WAY TO WIN VOTES, BUT FOR THE PHILIPPINE GENERAL HOSPITAL, FOCUSING ON THE NEEDS OF THE COUNTRY'S POOREST SECTOR HAS BECOME SECOND NATURE.

The hospital celebrates its 91st founding anniversary this month with the theme *"Mula sa Masa, Para sa Masa"* (from the masses, to the masses), as it looks back on its roots as a public hospital. Established on Sept. 1, 1910, PGH was mandated to offer affordable but quality health care to those who need it most but can ill afford it. It's a commitment that current director, Dr. Juan Ma. Pablo R. Nañagas hopes to continue in the face of rising medical costs.

"Our primary problem is funding," Nañagas admits. "Government subsidy alone is not enough to allow us to operate at maximum efficiency. With limited funding, we can only do so much." Regretfully, he adds, the widely held notion is that being a government hospital, PGH's services must be free for the underprivileged. "While it is true that the majority of our clients are poor, we must face the harsh reality that no medical service is cost-free." Adds Nanagas: "If we are to continue operating in the 21st century, then we must consider resource generation. The desire to increase revenue is meant to produce more resources, which can redound to expanded services."

But the prospect of turning away indigent patients is not a possibility, he assures. "We are already implementing a classification scheme based on the patient's capacity to pay, such that only true indigents are given free medical services."

In the long run, says the PGH director, "The services the hospital offers must be considered products that have to be sold to a target clientele. To sell them, PGH must use the tools that are used in the business sector. This may mean better packaging, better marketing, sounder financial management, and a nationalistic and humanitarian focus."

Part of that human touch, says Nanagas, is "strengthening the PGH workforce by providing them with more opportunities for personal and professional growth, as well as with the financial, medical and other benefits they surely deserve to get."

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bruises while working as a carpenter in his uncle's house in Pasig.

Investigators were convinced all the more when they found a 2001 planner in Tadao's house. It contained the phone numbers of Tadao's friends. One of the numbers was that of an antique shop in Quezon City. It was registered in the name of Ilagan's other gay lover.

It appeared that Ilagan himself wrote the number on Tadao's planner early this year. Ilagan apparently didn't want to lose touch with Tadao while he was already staying with his other lover at that time, Borromeo says.

For investigators, the planner proved that Ilagan was lying. Contrary to his claim, Ilagan had apparently been seeing Tadao even after he broke up with his wife.

"A person who's innocent wouldn't attempt to lie. The case is solved. We are convinced that we got the right man," Borromeo says. On July 27, police filed robbery with homicide charges against Ilagan.

A new twist in the case surfaced when Oliver Yu, Caloocan's chief inquest prosecutor, disclosed that there was no hard evidence against Ilagan. Not one of the 13 sets of fingerprints lifted from Tadao's house apparently matched Ilagan's, according to Yu. As of this writing, city prosecutors had dismissed the robbery and homicide charges filed against Ilagan by the Caloocan police. The Caloocan police, in fact, were believed to be falsifying evidence against Ilagan, who is now a free man.

Instead, Yu says that Clet should be investigated, since he supposedly had the motive to have Tadao killed. Pieces of circumstantial evidence point to him as well, he adds.

The Caloocan bungalow was registered under Clet's name. It was Tadao's only remaining property in the Philippines. He sold his Toyota Lite Ace van for P120,000 in 1999.

The house and the van were purchased under Clet's name, since legal impediments had barred Tadao from buying anything of value here.

Quoting reports, Yu says Tadao wanted to sell the house for P2.3 million since he was planning to return to Japan. The idea could have angered Clet, since he was afraid he might not receive the proceeds of the sale.

Yu is also puzzled over Clet's unusual reaction to Tadao's death. Around 10 p.m. on Sunday, July 22, Clet's daughter noticed that the lights in Tadao's house were switched off. "It was very unusual for Tadao. He usually kept the lights on at that time," Lapus says.

Initial suspect Alex Ilagan is now a free man

Fearing Tadao had been robbed or murdered, Clet phoned Roel Salonga, Lapus' business partner, to report his suspicion the following day. Salonga told him to seek assistance from village watchers and proceed to Tadao's house immediately.

Clet and the watchmen arrived at the house around 6 a.m. The lights were still off. The door was locked. The yard was in disarray. Something might have really happened to Tadao, they thought.

For some inexplicable reason, the watchmen refused to enter the house, saying they were "afraid of blood," according to Borromeo. Clet himself didn't want to get any closer to the house, which had actually served as his second home. "I was afraid I might be implicated in the case." This baffled Yu.

"How come he seemed to have already known that something happened to Tadao?" Borromeo asks. "If that's so, he should have gone straight to the house and checked it without hesitation. That's the natural reaction."

Borromeo adds, "If you fear something has happened to someone close to you, you wouldn't think of all these things. You would go right away and check if the person is okay."

Even with Ilagan's arrest, others still believe the real killer is out there. Secretive as he was, Tadao could have had other lovers besides Ilagan. One of them could have killed him. To be sure, whoever killed Tadao shared some of the secrets of his quiet world.

by Fr. Ruben J. Villote

Finding God in the Poor

It is the poor from whom we must receive. They have much wisdom, warmth, openness and beauty

I FIRST BECAME AWARE OF THE CALL TO PRIESTHOOD WHEN I WAS IN HIGH SCHOOL. AT FIRST, I RESISTED IT, SIMPLY BECAUSE I WAS AFRAID. I LITERALLY HAD COLD FEET. THE CALL TO A SPECIFIC MINISTRY WITHIN THE PRIESTHOOD CAME LATER. IT WAS A CALL WITHIN A CALL. EVERYTHING ABOUT ME, ABOUT MY WORK, IS A CALL. IT IS A VOCATION. IF YOU ASK ME HOW IT CAME ABOUT, IT WAS ALL BY THE GRACE OF GOD. I DID NOT PLAN ANYTHING.

I felt that the youth between the ages of 15 and 20 who come to the city needed a ministry. For 17 years now, the Center for Migrant Youth has served as a temporary halfway home for street youths who have, for the first time, migrated from the rural area to the city. We don't have programs, records or any of the things one might expect from a foundation because we are not a foundation. We provide community life, temporary shelter, and meals to the displaced youth. Some stay for one day or a week; others stay three years. Whatever we do is done in faith and obedience to God's will.

True ministry can only spring forth from an intimate relationship with God. As we spend time with another person, as we grow together in a relationship, we influence one another in our exchange of ideas, thoughts and emotions. Slowly, our likes and dislikes might begin to mirror the other's likes and dislikes. At the very least, we become aware of what the persons find pleasing and what they find loathsome. Similarly, the more I spend time with God, the more likely it is that my will becomes aligned to His will, my desires will mirror His desires. His will becomes my own. So if you are looking for direction in terms of how to serve God, spend time with Him in prayer. Grow deeper and deeper in His love. Nurture your personal relationship with Him.

When we are into a ministry sans an intimate relationship with God, our service is just for show. The desire for money, prestige and power are pitfalls that we can easily fall into. Some people are out to build their own empire. Even the structural behavior of the Church is saddening sometimes. Prayer is essential in avoiding these temptations.

Silence, anonymity, prayer, simplicity and poverty – these are the signs of authentic Christian service. I know people who shun publicity. They simply go about doing God's work. They are sources of inspiration to me. Christ, after His resurrection, always acted in great silence and in great anonymity.

In our desire to serve the poor we can become despots, telling them how they should think, speak, behave, and pray like we do. But the anawim, God's poor, are the ones who heal, cleanse and minister to me. It is the poor from whom we must receive. They have much wisdom, warmth, openness, and beauty. There is so much of God in the poor. They are the ones who must teach, sanctify and change us.

To be an anawim is to be a child before God. Without Him, I can do absolutely nothing; but if I have nothing else but God, then I have everything.

All of us can be anawim. Being poor, being an anawim is not having nothing; it is sharing everything. Whatever it is you have – material or spiritual wealth, talents, time, friendship – you give for others. When you give your life for others, you are anawim. The beauty of God's poor lies in their generosity.

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The Center For Migrant Youth (CMY) will be 19 years old on September 2001. There will be no one grand outdoor celebration this year as in previous years.

Instead, there will be three little indoor Eucharistic Sunday Celebrations on Sept. 2, 9 and 16 at 8:30 in the morning here at CMY on 103 Cordillera St., Quezon City, followed by the usual Sunday breakfast fellowship with the poor.

We shall mark these marathon events with gladness, gratitude and simplicity. Please bring something nice for our breakfast table — simple but from the heart.

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by John L. Silva

To Fly

Growing up, flying became a business routine. Except for that unforgettable business trip just two days after the first People Power Revolution. As the plane circled for a landing that fateful day, the sight of our free country brought tears to our eyes

I READ my newspaper as the plane taxis to the end of the runway, oblivious to the video presentation on what to do should the plane depressurize or in the event of an emergency landing.

But when the engines go into full thrust and the plane shakes and thunders down the runway with increasing reckless speed, I lower my newspaper and look out the window. I am a child again, in awe of the impending moment, whizzing past runway lights and fleeting scenes of buildings, when I feel this huge machine miraculously lift itself from the ground. I'm flying and I am the happiest boy on earth.

My grandparents took a Pan American China Clipper from San Francisco to Manila in the '30s. Their recounting, more than a few times, of taking off from San Francisco Bay to stops in Honolulu, Midway, Guam, and finally to land on Manila Bay to the applause of thousands of spectators, was always thrilling to hear.

My mother would also proudly tell me that as a child during summer vacation, she would ride a tri-motor plane from Iloilo to Negros or a single motor plane from Baguio to Manila. I had my first plane ride as a six-year-old on a DC-3 somewhere in Mindanao. The plane flew low and the plane's door was wide open. I remember my father clutching me tightly, and with several other people, looking out the door and seeing the tall tree-tops of a virgin forest below. The wind from the engine's motors blew inside the plane, tearing at shirts and mussing our hair. It was both frightening and exhilarating but, with my father's secure hold, I was mesmerized at the endless canopy of green spread before me.

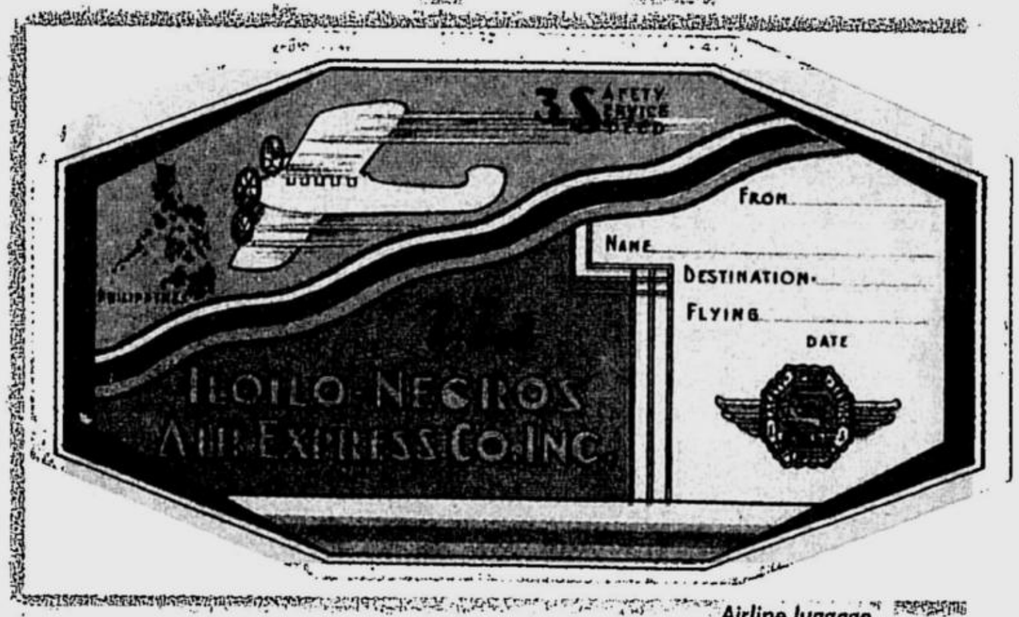
I had my first international plane ride the next year on a Pan American stratocruiser, a humongous double decker plane that crossed the Pacific Ocean to America. I couldn't believe that such a huge structure would ever get off the ground. I told the stewardess my concern and she let out a laugh. She promised to relay my thoughts to the pilot but she confided "Just you wait young fellow, because we *are* going to fly." And we did, and later I was brought to the pilot's cockpit, given a junior flying medal and got a view of the last speck of our islands and an endless blue ocean.

My parents knew the value of traveling for growing children. Many times I would be placed under the charge of a stewardess and flew all by myself to far off places to be fetched on the other end by relatives and friends. It was during these solitary moments of being up tens of thousands of miles above the earth that I developed my sense of aesthetics. Alone, nose pressed on window, I would gaze for hours at cloud formations, lingering sunsets and brilliant dawns. Below, earth's tapestry would creep past. Highway lines, moving dots of vehicles, clusters of homes, carved rectangles of crop lands instigated fanciful thoughts. Who is in that dot of a car I see below? Is there a child like me at that same moment looking at the plane flying above? Alone, far up in the sky, I reached out for solidarity to people below.

It is the earth's contour that I marvel at most when flying. The tall peaks of the snow- capped Himalayan mountains, the blue-green translucence of the Pacific Ocean, the stretches of dessert and the remaining swath of pristine forests were the visual delights that have instilled in me my love for nature. These sights have their grandeur on the ground, at eye-level. But it is in the stratosphere, framed oftentimes by swirling clouds, that these sights are majestic to behold.

Growing up, plane travel increasingly assumed a business tone as I shuttled from one corner of the earth to another, peering at a laptop screen rather than the allure outside the window. There was one unforgettable business trip though and it happened two days after the first People Power Revolution. I had managed to fly on the first Philippine Airlines flight headed for Manila after former President Ferdinand Marcos was deposed.

Our plane made a stop in Honolulu where it was announced that hours before, Marcos and his entourage had landed in Hawaii. We in the waiting lounge were incredulous at the news and as we boarded for the flight home, we were all filled with anticipation.



Airline luggage sticker, John L. Silva collection.

It seemed like a long flight. No one in the plane slept, with most heads craning at every window even if it was pitch black outside. The first faint light of morning appeared on the horizon and minutes later, a muted voice called from the back. *There, can you see it; can you see the coastline?* I had seen the northeastern coastline many times before, but that fateful day, for all of us on that plane, the sight of a free country brought tears to our eyes. Suddenly, our cabin crew appeared down the aisle wearing yellow carnations on their lapels and offering champagne. An elderly woman, her gray hair cascading down her shoulders, unraveled a small flag and waved it as she strolled up and down the aisle, tears down her cheeks, beaming and crying *Mabuhay Ang Pilipinas!* As our plane circled for a landing, I looked at the familiar sights of a shimmering bay, the fish-pen arrows, and a teeming city approaching. There was, on that day, the added vista of hope and redemption.

These airline stickers forming part of my Filipiniana collection mean more than collectible items to me. They remind me of my love for flying and the global breadth of visual experience I have relished up in the sky. I dream and plan, always in earnest, for the next opportunity to fly.

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This Week

Art

Dante Castillo's 13th art show Shades of Autumn at Gallery 139, Glorietta IV, Ayala Center, Makati City. Featuring his watercolor rendition of spectacular fall color in many parts of the world, mostly the US and Canada. One notable thing about his works is the play of light and shadow. Exhibit runs until Sept. 12.

"Shades of Autumn" by Dante Castillo at Gallery 139, Ayala Center, Makati

Popo San Pascual's Venetian series exhibit, *Opere d'Arte a Venezia* can be viewed at Figaro at Hanston Bldg., Emerald Ave., Ortigas Center through September. The exhibit is part of "The Great European Escape," a month-long festival of Figaro Coffee Company.

The Alcove, a pocket gallery dedicated to black-and-white photography, is open for public viewing from Tuesday to Saturday between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. at the Filipinas Heritage Library, Makati Avenue, Ayala Triangle, Makati City. Until Sept. 14.

The Other Side, an exhibit of the latest works on paper by Ronaldo Ventura at The Drawing Room, Metrostar Building, 1007 Metropolitan Avenue, Makati City. The show highlights Ventura's preoccupation with the human figure. Until Sept. 5.

Cat Woman, a one-man show of Joel Mendez's latest works at The Drawing Room, Metrostar Building, 1007 Metropolitan Avenue, Makati City. Mostly lithographic prints with interesting and highly intriguing mixed media pieces. Until Sept. 5.

Eulogy to the Filipino, an exhibit ranging from mixed media on canvas to free-standing sculptures in black granite by Roberto M.A. Robles, at Galleria Duemila and Gallerie Y, 4/L SM Megamall Building A, Mandaluyong. Until Sept. 9.

Kalikasan, an exhibit of the recent works of Mar Bongalon featuring still life, flowers, country scenes and churches done in oil and pastel at the GSIS Museum of Art, GSIS Building, Financial Center, Pasay City. Until Sept. 15.

Homeworks, an exhibit of works on paper and sculptures by Aba Dalena until Sept. 5 at the Lopez Museum Shop, G/F Power Plant Mall, Rockwell Center, Makati.

Music

RJ and His Guitar-Live! Enjoy a special musical experience. Rock n' Roll every Friday night at 9 for the whole month of September at The Hive Radio Café, 3/F, Save-A-Lot Mall, 2884 Pasong Tamo Extension, Makati City. For inquiries, call Nella Galvez at 894-2358 or 840-2784.

For this week's bands and schedules call:

- Hard Rock Café (893-4662-65)
- Virgin Café : QC (926-7982)
- '70s Bistro: 46 Anonas St., QC (922-0492)
- Hobbit House: 1801 Mabini St., Malate, Manila (521-7604)
- Strumm's: El Pueblo, Ortigas (637-3009)

Onstage

Rated: eX, a showcase of four one-act plays—Daigdig sa Pagitan by Ruth Mabanglo; Tag-ani by Amelia Lapeña-Bonifacio; May Isang Sundalo by Rene Villanueva; Aksidente by Elmo Gonzaga—that seeks to expose the bare truths about human society. Presented by Entablado, the production will be staged at the Rizal Mini Theater of the Ateneo de Manila until Sept. 8.

Crave, Sarah Kane's surrealistic and shocking images of woman's abuse, male violence, power and desire as interpreted by Anton Juan. Onstage at the Wilfrido Ma. Guerrero Theater, UP Diliman until September. For inquiries, call 924-8589 and 924-3224.

The Vagina Monologues, Filipino version, at the Music Museum, Greenhills. Until Sept. 15.

Macbeth. A classic play about obsession and ambition by Shakespeare translated in Filipino by Rolando Tinio. Regular performances will run until Sept. 15 at the CCP Tanghalang Huseng Batute, Roxas Blvd., Pasay.

Cinema

The Orphan Brother, a full-length Japanese animation film included in the line-up of films for the next Eiga Sai 2001: Anime on Parade. To be held at Cinema 2, Shangri-La Plaza Mall until Sept. 4.

Food

Celebrate an exquisite fare of juicy and succulent US beef dishes with Holiday Inn Manila's Beef Bonanza promo at The Rotisserie from Sept. 10-22. Beef Bonanza treats your taste buds to a sumptuous showcase of creatively prepared, traditional beef recipe favorites as Ranger Steak, Tonkatsu Beef Medallions and Steak and Kidney pie. For inquiries call The Rotisserie at 526-1212 loc. 2305 or 2505.

Atbp

Repertory Philippines will hold auditions for its upcoming musical The Secret Garden on Sept. 9, Sunday, 5 p.m. at the William J. Shaw Theater, Level 5, Shangri-La Plaza Mall, EDSA cor. Shaw Blvd., Mandaluyong. All professional and amateur theater performers aged 9 and up are invited. They must bring their resume with a recent 2 x 2 photo, and sing a song from the musical. Piano scores are available at the Rep office. For details, call 633-4821 to 25, or email rep@broline.com

Submissions in poetry, short fiction, and drama are being accepted for the Ateneo National Writers Workshop, which will be held from October 15 to 20. Applicants should submit portfolios containing any of the following: eight poems, five stories, or three one-act plays in Filipino or English—along with a clean diskette containing the portfolio in word document (doc) or rich-text format (rtf). Each set must bear a title page with the author's pseudonym and a table of contents. The submission should include a sealed envelope containing the pseudonym, the author's real name, address, contact numbers, and a one-page biodata with an 1x1 ID picture.

Deadline for submission of entries is on September 10, 2001. Address entries to: The Director, Ateneo National Writers Workshop, c/o Filipino Department, Dela Costa Building, Ateneo de Manila University, Loyola Heights, Quezon City. For inquiries call 426-6001 local 5320 and look for Jing Panganiban or Mel Estrelles, or email <filipino@admu.edu.ph>.

Basic photography course, a successive four-Sunday workshop starting Sept. 23 at the Yslas Restaurante, Fort Santiago, Intramuros, Manila. From 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Lecturers include Vic Sison, Ibarra Deri, Ador Pamintuan and Tony Raval. Organized by the Federation of Philippine Photographers Foundation. For details, call 843-5341 or 813-7420, or email ppfpwm@pacific.net.ph

X-manila

Peregrine, an exhibit of oil paintings depicting subjects that usually greet a visitor while traveling to Davao by Mei Afable, until Sept. 6 at Gallery 5, 5/F JS Citimall, Ilustre St., Davao City.

Arkitekturang Filipino, an exhibit of Philippine architectural legacies, monuments and heritage sites at the Museo ning Angeles, Angeles City until Sept. 10.

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by Jess Abrera

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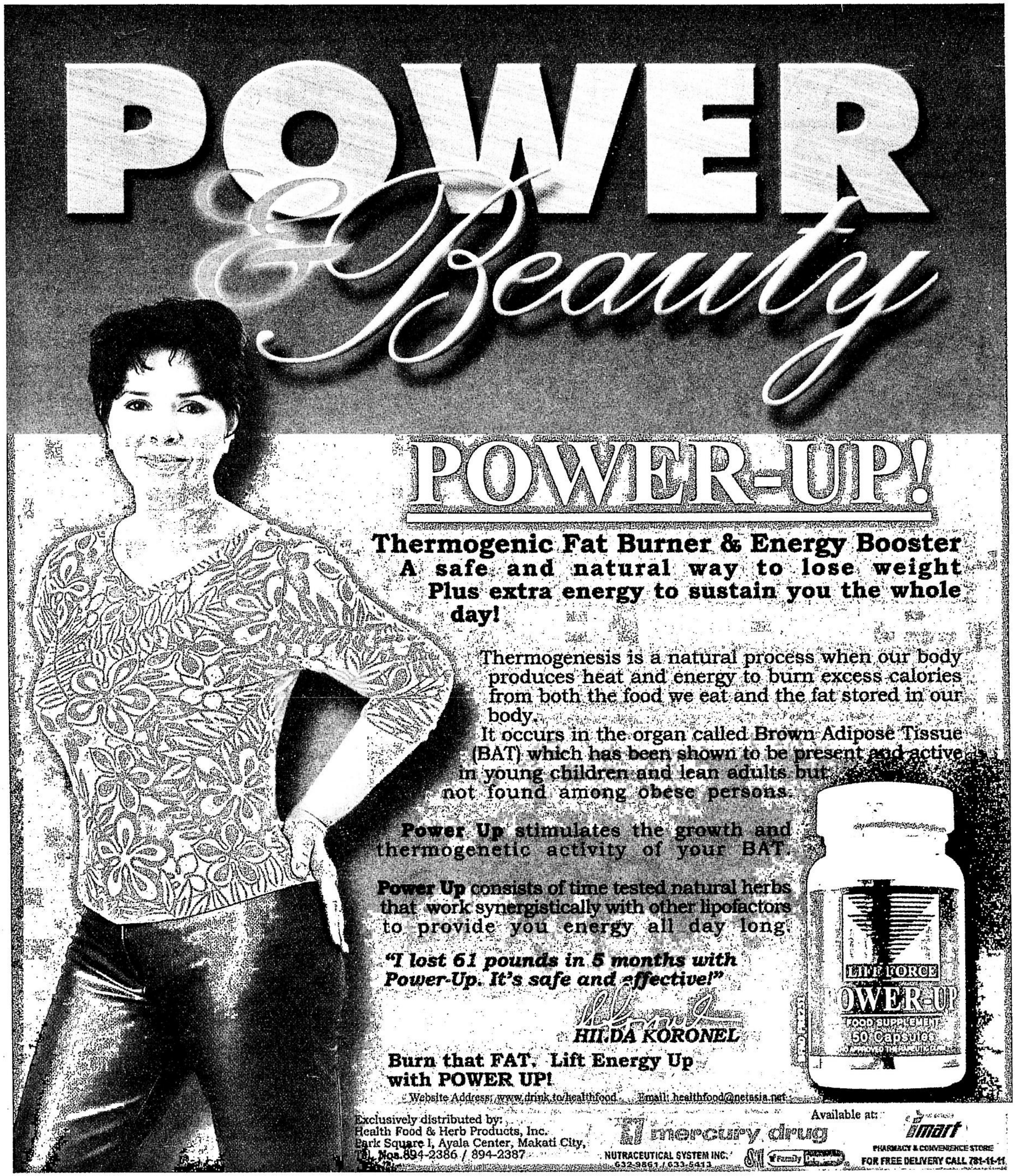
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